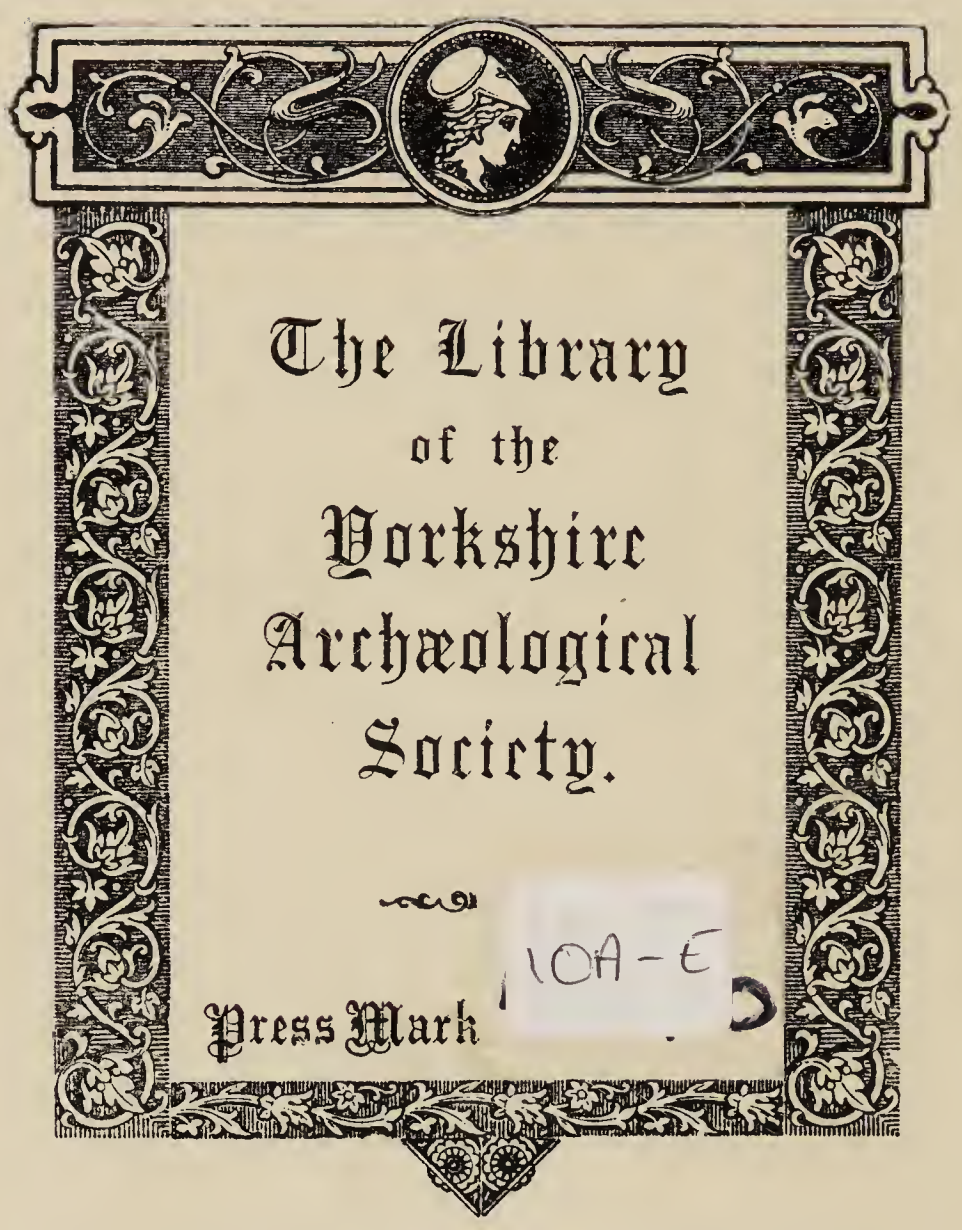
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INTRODUCTION.

This volume contains matter dating from 1536 to 1548. In previous volumes I have pointed out that these House Books or Council Minute Books do not by any means fully report what took place at Council Meetings. This is more than ever evident in the present volume. It covers a period in which two events occurred which must have shaken to its depths the life of the City, namely the Pilgrimage of Grace and the dissolution of the Monasteries. There is no direct mention of either of them in the recorded minutes. It is only the problem how to welcome Henry VIII on his visit to York in 1541 that reveals that the city had been in rebellion against him; the destruction of Monasteries and Friaries is passed over in silence.

These are matters that must have come before the Council. They must have been fully discussed and various points of view expressed, but nothing is allowed to appear in the official record. It is clear that they were carefully edited and nothing left in that might have proved awkward later on. It is probable that the Mayor for the time being and the Common Clerk or Town Clerk were the persons responsible for the Minutes. This is indicated in the Oath taken by the Town Clerk on assuming his office. I give it here in its earliest extant English form dating from the reign of Henry VII.

"Ye shall assist and attende to the Maire for the tyme beynge, and at your kunnyng and power suche counseill yeve him as ys moste worshipe and profet to the Citie of York and all the prevytez and counseill of the Maire and his Bretherin ye shall treuly kepe and not discovere in no place nor to no persone; and truely ye shall kepe all manner of bouks and monements and all other things that longs unto the Commonalte and all things that shall be entred of recorde ye shall truely enroull and registre and no manere of copiez nor evidence ye shall delyver furth withouten advise of the Maire beynge for the tyme."

There is no doubt that the question of what should be allowed to remain on the official record must often have been a difficult one and when in doubt they would keep on the side of safety. This natural caution must have robbed us of much valuable and interesting matter. But in spite of what has been left out, how living are the documents that remain, how they reveal the life of York at a great period of history. The great changes that are taking place are revealed in the very language. When vol. IV starts we are still in mediaeval England, when it closes mediaeval England is gone. The Act for the Union of York Churches shows not merely by its policy but also by its wording that mediaeval England has passed away.

Throughout the first three volumes the strong power of the Commons is manifest. They ventured to make a vigorous protest when Richard III dared to lay his hand on some of the common land. In this present volume when the Archbishop asks for the lease of some of this land for one of his servants and the Council is ready to acquiesce the Commons flatly refuse and the Council has to give way. A strong power in the Commons lies in the back ground of the City life, normally it is quiescent and reluctant to take action, but when it thinks itself aggrieved and injured it proves to be of great strength.

The poverty of York, so often referred to in petitions for relief from taxation, is now greater than ever. The cloth trade has gone; religious houses are dissolved; chantries are abolished; York is full of empty spaces and roofless ruins, everywhere are closed churches dilapidated chapels and hospitals. Trade has gone and the old sources of charity have ceased. A few clever merchants knew how to profit by this state of things but for the mass of the population poverty is greatly increased. The city is thronged with beggars and the problem of how to deal with them is frequently before the Council. At present they have no remedy except that of organizing the begging; a head beggar wearing a badge of his position is appointed for each ward. A new policy will be adopted when the city is attacked by sweating sickness in 1551 and vol. V will show the first beginning of municipal relief of poverty.

Military matters fill a large place in this volume. Expeditions to the Border are frequent. Contingents of soldiers from York are being continually demanded, sometimes two or three such demands are made from different quarters at one and the same time. The City was asked for more men than it could supply, and pay for. There are some military documents of very great interest about arrangements in case of enemy invasion. Enemy vessels were seen near the Yorkshire coast, in one case a landing is said to have taken place. An elaborate system of signalling by means of beacons is organized and the instructions how to behave in case of invasion are in some respects curiously modern.

In those days Members of Parliament were closely connected with the life of the city; as a rule they were ex-Mayors and Aldermen fully acquainted with local problems and able to speak of them from knowledge and experience. The two members were paid so much a day during the sessions of parliament and they were accompanied by servants in livery "for the honour and worship of the City." Whilst away they keep in touch with the Council by letter and on their return make a full report of the proceedings in Parliament. There is one exception in this volume to the rule that M.Ps should come from the Council. Thomas Gargrave, not even a citizen of York, is enfranchized and made M.P. on one and the same day.

Nineteen of the York House Books have now been printed by our Society. Most of these contained about 120 folios. The Books for the reign of Elizabeth contain as many as 350 folios closely written and when the time comes to print them it will not be possible to do it *in extenso*; nor will it be necessary as much of the space is occupied by poor relief. There will still be plenty of such documents as have been printed in the first four volumes, of first rate importance both for local and national history.

It is again my great pleasure to thank the Civic authorities for their invariable courtesy and kindness. They are deeply interested in this publication and in recognition of what I have been able to do have appointed me Honorary Archivist to the City, a position I am proud to hold.

ANGELO RAINE.

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Book XIII. *fo.* 36b. **Knavesmire to be enclosed.**

3 May 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that all the common of Knaysmyre frome nowefurth shalbe takyn in and enclosyd holly for the comon well of this Citie.

Item it is agreyd that the jeist[1] for oon cowe xvj^{d} and for oone horse ij^{s} and not above in the said Knaismyer, and that no man shall have above the stynt[2] of too kye orells on horse and on kowe.

fo. 38.

12 May 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

The common of Knayesmyer shalbe drevyn to morowe by the Chamberleyns of this City, the iiij common servaunts, by the pasture mayster and the common hyrd[3] ther.

Item it ys agreyd that John Wedderall shalbe pasture mayster of the seyd common of Knaysmyer and to tayke in all geyst frome tyme to tyme and also to levye and geder yerely the seyd geyst to the common profet of this City and to mayke accompt and pay the money commyng of the seyd geyst unto the Chamberleyns of the seyd Citye for the tyme beyng at the feast of Seynt Michell tharchangell. Also it is agreyd that seid John Wedderall shall have yerely in fee for excercisyng of the seyd rowme of pasture master fowre marks; and the seyd Wedderall to fynde sufficyent surety truely to excersyse the seyd rowme.

fo. 39. **Riots over the enclosure of Knavesmire.**

15 May 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Mem. that the dyks of Knayresmyer and the yats of the same was riottously castyn downe and brynt yisternyght abowte xj of the clok, that is to say, the xiiij day of May the yere aboveseyd.

[1] Jeist. Gist is to receive cattle to graze for a fixed sum.
[2] Stynt; allowance.
[3] Hyrd; herd is the keeper of the herd. N.E.D.

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William Thomlyngson, alias Warthell, of the ayge of lx yerez and more, sworne and examined sayth uppon his othe that John Cok, cowper, reportyd and spak abrode, that Sir George Lawson, Knyght, sayde that it was enactyd by the Parlyament that ther shuld no common be dyked nor enclosyd.

The confessyon of Thomas Slayter, mylner, as towchyng the premyssez.

Theruppon the seyd Slayter saythe that John Lutton, smyth, John Huntyngton, barker, John Preston, cowper, Marmaduke Judson, bladesmyth, John Nycholson, glover; . . . Stevynson, taillour, and William Chapman, payver, and dyverse other was opyn speakers and great procurers of the seyd ryott.

Item the sayde Slayter sayth that Robert Laykan, tanner, and his boye of the ayge of xiiij yeres, and Thomas Middylton tanner, that was servaunt to William Hubank, was in company yesternyght with those that did commyt the seyd unlawful ryott (*fo.* 39b).

Marmaduke Judson, bladesmyth, and John Preston, cowper, sworne and examined sayth that as they were drinkyng yisterday, that is to say, the sonday the xiiij day of May, within John Mason howse besyde Mikellyth barre, they hard Richard Burmand alias Burland and Richard Gybson, shomaker, say that the dyks and yats of Knaresmyer shuld be castyn doune this nyght and moreover sayde—laye hands of yt nowe or yt wolbe lost. And the seyd Preston confessyth he sayde hym self the same tyme that yt were welle doone for to cast yt doune.

John Cok, cowper, of the ayge of xl yerez and more, sworne, sayth that he hard never Sir George Lawson say that it was enactyd by Parlyament that ther shuld no common be dyked in nor enclosyd as the seyd Cok reportyd unto the seyd William Warthell; whereby it is apparaunt that the seyd Cok falsly and untruely selaunderyd the seyd Maister Lawson and nowe he saythe that he hard yt reportyd emongs dyverse women.

(*fo.* 40). Whereas yt was provyd this monday the xv day of May before the seyd presens that Isabell Lutton, the wyff of John Lutton, smyth, and Agnes Cooke, the wyf of John Cooke, of this Citye spak sclaunderous words of the seyde Maior and his Brederin and band[1] them with the yll evyll and wesshyd the Common Chambre of this Citye of fyer maliciously for dikyng in of the seyd common, therfore it ys agreyd that the seyd offenders shalbe commytted unto the Shiryffs prison and to be caryed of the thewe[2] aboute this Citye three severall dayes in example of lyke offenders.

[1] Band. To ban is to put a curse upon anyone.
[2] Thewe; cart for parading prisoners.

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fo. 40b.

Confessyon of Alexander Mason, smyth.

The seyde Alexander Mason of the ayge of xl yere and more, sworne, sayth that the seyd sonday at nyght betweyn x and xj of the clok, the seide xiiij day of May, he was in his oune proper person the same tyme at the ryottous castyng doune and brinnyng of the seyd yats and riottously assemblyd with hym then and ther too servaunts of Rychard Gybson, shomaker, one of them callyd Stokbryg who came for fyer unto the dwellyng howse of the seyd Mason abowt xj of the clok on the seyd nyght. Rauff Walker, shomaker, was also then and ther in womens clothyng with a muffell[1] over his face and all theys persons underwrittyn was like wyse ther personally at the seyde unlawfull ryott doyng.[2]

fo. 47.

30 May 28 Henry VIII. *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the oon half of Knaismyer, that is to say, the est syd shalbe enclosyd and so kepte both wynter and somer to the mooste proffet and advauntage of the Common Chamber of this Citie; and the preferment thereof to be had to the inhabitants of mykkyllith ward and the circute of the same before all other by the advise of my lorde Mayer and wardens of the said ward.

47b. **Instructions to M.P.s.**

City of York. Instruccions to London for Sir George Lawson, knight, and Maister Gaile, Aldermen of the said Citie and Citizens elect to be of the Kings high Courte of Parliament for the said Citie.

In primis that thay taike with them a lettre of attourney under the comon seale of the said Citie, and the Kings wryt with the retourne of the same according to the ancient custom.

Item to speke with Sir Thomas Inglefeld, knight,[3] oon of the Kings Justic[s] of the common plaice, as touching the incloser of Knaysmier and to allege ther best therin with hym for the common well and not to be knowyng that he or his tenaunts aght to have any common in the said grownd but that it haith beyn sufferd forsomuche as the Citie in average tyme haith common in all his closys at Drynghouses.

Item the indenture of agrement under the common seale of the fraternity and gyld of Saynt Cristofer and Saynt George of York.

[1] Muffell; a covering.

[2] A list of 19 names follows. They were bound over to keep the peace under a penalty of £20.

[3] Sir Thomas Inglefield was Lord of the Manor of Dringhouses and as such had certain rights of pasturage on Knavesmire.

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Mem. to enfourme Maister Sec. substauncyallie as towching that the Mayer and Comminaltie of the Citie of York by custom hais had goods forren bought and forren sold within the said Citie of York, and besyds that King Henry the vij haith grauntyd the same by poynt of chartour and of lait . . .[1] Oxton haith broght an accion of trespas agaynst Herre Whyttyngton of York, taillour, at the common lawe, wherein they be at isshue uppon the said custome and theruppon a *venire fac.* is directyd unto the Shirryf of Yorkshyer retournable at the next Assise.

Item delyvered to Maister Lawson the letter of aunswer of my Lord Mayer and his Brethern to Maister Cromwell under the seale of office that he shall have the nominacon at his pleasour the rowme and office of maceberer of the said Citie after the decease of John Burton.

(*fo.* 48). Item that this matter be specially movyd unto my Lord Chancellour and Maister Secretory to gyt an injunccion to stop the *nisi prius* unto suche tyme that the said Lord Chauncellour and Maister Secretory have seyn the said chartre and the hole record of the said suyte, for it cannot well stonde that men of forren shiers that be straungers shuld trie the custome and chartres of the said Citie, and besyds that we wold have demandyd cognysaunct of plee therin according to our graunts and auncyent precedens, if that we had beyn prevay to the said suyte at the fyrst tyme, for if that this suyte shuld proceyd it myght be a means to make all strangers as free within the said Citie as the Citizens bee.

Maister Fox is attourney herein for the defendaunt and he haith our chartres and graunts above at London and he is nowe in the north contre so that we cannot com to the sight thereof nor of the records; notwithstanding we maike this suyte for savyng of our liberties.

Item takyn to Maister Gaile by Maister Chamberlayns xj^{s} iiij^{d} to restore agayn to men of Blitheburgh in the countie of Suffolk, who clamys by poynt of chartre to be tolle free at York as it apperith by the coppy of ther chartre nowe delyverd unto the said Maister Gaile.

Mem. that men of Wawberswike and Donwiche in Suffolk haith no suche fredom, therefore it shallbe necessary to reason and debait this matter before delyvere of the said money.

(*fo.* 48b). Item takyn the said Maister Gaile by the said Chamberleyns towards the expencs of Maister Lawson and hym x^{li}, that is to say, to ayther of theym v^{li} according to the custom of the said Citie. Item delyvered the said Maister Gaile xx^{s} to pay Maister Sec. for his fee.

[1] Blank in MS.

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fo. 50b. **Things to be done in London. Paternoster Play. Fishgarths. Torches in Corpus Christi Procession.**

20 June 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 2 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Maister Newton shall goo towards London betwixt this and monday next.

Item it is agreyd that Maister Newton shall have with hym all suche money as this house was agreyd uppon at ther last metyng here and the Chamberlayns to make redy that money betwixt this and satterday next.

Item it is agreyd that Maister Newton shall labour to my Lorde Chauncelour and Maister Secretory to labour as he thinks good for the fyshegarthes.

Item it is agreyd that all suche fyshegarthes as shalbe stonding uppon fryday next shalbe presentyd.

Item it is agreyd that paternoster play shalbe playd uppon sonday next after Lames day.

(*fo.* 51). Item it is agreyd that William Harper, Chamberleyn, Myghell Bynks and William Gylmyn shall attend and goo view the fyshegarthes uppon thursday next and to wryt and to certefie to my lord Mayer howe many fyshegarthes[1] that they shall fynd standing then and who owe them.

Also to enquyre of a fyshegarthe next beneyth Armowth of whos ground it stondyth uppon.

Item to enquer of a fyshe garthe that stands of Wystowe syde next Selby of whos grownd it stonds uppon.

Item it is agreyd that every occupaccon having torchis shall goo in procession the moro after Corpus Cristi day as thay be assygnyd and ordred to go, and as it apperyth in the register thereof mayde, uppon payn of every occupacon of them offending or troublyng the procession to forfait and pay to thuse of this Citie xl^{s} withoute any pardon.

Item it is agreyd that the common clerk shall gyve sufficient warnyng to the said occupacons howe thay shalbe orderyd and goo in the same procession.

Item it is agreyd that every Alderman shall have his torche borne light before the said procession uppon payn of vj^{s} viij^{d}, and the Shyryffs for the tyme beyng and the xxiiij to have every oon of them a torche and born as is aforsaid uppon payn of iij^{s} iiij^{d} and the Sheryffs for tyme beyng to have lefull warnyng to provyd the same by the officer of the wards and the mayce berer to gyf warnyng therof to the officer.

[1] For a list of Fishgarths in 1484 see *York Civic Records,* vol. i, p. 98.

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fo. 53.

More Business in London.

28 June 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Myles Newton, the common clerk of this Citye, shall ryde up to London of satterday next with a letter to my Lorde Chaunceler as towchyng the fyshegarthez and a lyke letter to Maister Secretory to knowe ther advysez and pleasours before that we certefye them into the Kyngs eschequyer.

Item a letter as towchyng the premissez to be directyd unto Maister Lawson and Maister Gayle.

Item to sew unto my seyd Lorde Chaunceler for a writt of injunccions as towchyng the suyte that straungers hayth nowe ageynst Herre Whittyngton, tayllour, for clothe that he seasyd laitely within this City as goods forren bought forren sold.

Item to tayke upp the commissyon of the Prior of Durham as towchyng his fyshegarth.

Herbage of Knavesmire.

30 June 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, and 14 others.

The persons befor namyd have promysed and undertaken affore the ryght worshipfull William Harryngton, nowe Mayer of the Citye of Yorke, John Shawe, John North, too of the Aldermen of the seyd Citye and William Holme, one of the Shiryffs of the seyd Citye, and Robert Halle, truely to content and pay unto the Chamberleyns of the same City for the tyme beyng xiiij^{li} sterlyng at the feasts of Seynt Martyn in wynter and Whitsonday by evyn porcons yerely duryng sex yerez next to come for the herbage of Knayesmyer. And theruppon the seyd Mayer by the consent of his Brederin grauntyth by theis presents that the inhabitaunts of Mikellythward and the circute of other wards accustomed, tht is to say, unto the Common Halle yate, foresyde of Thursday markett to the bulryng of the Payment and to the thorne tree of Castelgate, to Herre Boyne howse in Jeopergate[1] shall have pasture for ther cattell ther yerely duryng the time aboveseyd.

fo. 55.

Fossbridge to be repaired.

6 July 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the Brygmaisters of Fosebryge this yere shall cause and amend and reparell the said bryge in suche placs where it is in rewyne and decay at this day.

[1] Jubbergate.

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fo. 55b. **A Window in Ogleforth.**

17 July 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 2 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Maister Tristram Tesshe, his heires and executours shall pay or cause to be payd yerelie at the feast of Saynt Martyn in wynter unto the Brygmaisters of Ouse bryge viij^{d} sterling for a pencion and knowlege for his bay wyndoo that stondyth in a place callyd Ugylsefurth within the Citie of York, which stondith appartlie encrochyd uppon the Kyng streyte ther, whiche said som of viij^{d} to be payd as is afore sayd so long as the said wyndo stondith *in forma predicta.*

fo. 57. **Slanderous bills posted at night time.**

9 August 28 Henry VIII (1536).

Mem. that the Aldermen beyng the Kyngs justics of peace within the cowntie of the City of Yorke, bothe the Shiryffs of the same and dyverse of the xxiiij ar appoynted at this present tyme by my Lorde Mayor of this Citye to calle before them certen persons and to examyn them upoon ther othez of dyverse misdemeanours laitely commytted on the nyght tyme within this City sclaunderously in settyng up off bylls, the whiche is intendyd[1] by the seyd Mayer and his Brethern for to be a great occasyon to mayke debate, discencyon and variaunc within this Citye.

Mem that the x day of August Herre Mason of this City beyng clerk of the Guylds of Seynt Cristofer and Seynt George of the same City was sent fore by the commaundment of the Lorde Mayer and dyverse of his brederen, Aldermen, and he was by them examyned in the Councell Chambre of Ousebryg as towchyng the writyng and settyng up of the seyd sclaunderous bylls. And forsomoche as they then consydered that the seyd Herre was of evyll demeanor in tymes past and therfore hadde hym in greter suspek and mystrust to be culpable of the premyssez theruppon they commaunded hym to prison ther to remayne uppon suspek unto suche tyme that they hadde forther examined the forseyd mysdemeanour, the whiche is verey lyke to mayke gret discencon, debate and varyance emongs all the Comminaltie of the seyd Citye withoute good remedy be shortly hadde and provyded therein by the seyd Mayer and his Brederin.

fo. 58. **The Slanderous Bills.**

11 August 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, and 7 others.

[1] Intendyd; designed. N.E.D.

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Robert Shellay of this Citye, scryvener, grauntyd before the seid presens that the dett booke belongyng unto the executours of Maister Jakson and a sclanderous bill here showed by the seyd Maister Hogeson dothe seme to be writtyn with one hand and to be all of one hand so farre as he can juge by his lernynge.

Item yisternyght Maister William Faux, notary, was of the same oppinyon before my lorde Maire.

Item Herre Mason confessyd to my lorde Mayer that the seyd sclaunderous byll lukyd lyke to his owne hand but he wold not confesse yt to be his hand.

Item the same Herre Mason hadde showed hym a parte of a bill of remembraunce towchyng Seynt Cristofer Gild, whiche he cowde not remembre to be his hand. And all trouthe is that it was his hand.[1]

(*fo.* 58b). Item Maister Gaile, oone of the Aldermen of this Citye, confessyd that when that he was Mare of this Citye the seyd Herre Mason confessyd before hym that he forgyd one obligacon by the request of Maister Cowper, laite receyvour of the hospitall of Seynt Leonerds in Yorke and his brederin, the whiche misdemeanour Maister Thomas Magnus, clerk, layde to his charge afterward into somyche that the seid late Mayer commytted hym to prison therfore, and but for the great entretye of the seid Maister Magnus the same Maister Gayle confessyth farther that he was then of mynde to have sett hym of the pillory within this Citye to the example of lyke offenders.

Item the forseid Herre Mason confessyd to my lorde Mayer the day and yere within writtyn his own self that the seid Maister Magnus after that he hadde confessyd the makyn of the seid obligacon commawnded hym to prison therfore within the seyd hospytall of Seynt Leonerds.

(*fo.* 59). Item Maister Thomas Clerk, the Shiryffs clerk of this Citye uppon the syght of the seid dett book and sclaunderous byll is of the same oppinyon of the writyng of them lyke as the forseid Robert Shellay and Maister William Faux.

Item Thomas Abney of the seyd [city], merchaunt, was sworne and examyned as towchyng the writyng makyng and settyng up of the seyd sclaunderous bylls, the whiche Thomas sayde that he was never giltye of the writyng makyng nor settyng upp of the seyd bills, and besyds that he sathe that he knowes nott who is gilty nor culpable therof; nor that he was never consentyng to any suche mysdemeanour. And hereuppon he departyd home ageyn furthwith at this tyme.

Item the seyd Mayer afterwarde sent for Elizabeth, wyf of the sayd Thomas Abney and examined her uppon her othe; and ther uppon she seyd that she was never giltye nor culpable therof

[1] This last sentence seems to have been added as being the opinion of the clerk who entered this minute.

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in every thyng as her husbond hathe before seyd; wheruppon she hadde lycens to departe at that tyme.

(*fo.* 60). Mem. that the day and yere above seyd the seyd Maister Hogeson came in his owne proper person unto the dwellyng place of the seyd Mayer and told hym howe that a girle beyng servaunt to the seyd Thomas Abney came to the howse of the seyd Maister Hogeson and askyd of Agnes Hogeson, his doughter, if they hard any more worde of the settyng up of the seid sclaunderous bylls and that she seyd—Nay. Moreover the seyd girle told the seid Agnes Hogeson that Nycholes Greyn, her maystres broder, resortyd myche to her maisters howse and ther wrote dyverse thyngs, but she saythe that she could [not] tell of trouthe what it was; also she told the seyd Agnes that her seyd maystres was a marvellows[1] woman and full of evyll wylle and malyce, and that nayther her maister nor she cowde report none of ther neghbirs welle, but was alweys mokyng of them and used them with sclanderous words many tymez, wherfore she thought that if the seyd Nycholes were welle examened he cowld telle the trouthe therin. And uppon the sayngs of the seyd girle it was agreyd that the seyd Nycholes shuld be sent fore to be examyned before them. And it was then farther agreyd that bothe the seyd Thomas Abney and his wyf shuld be commytted unto Mayrez prison ther to remayne to that the seyd Nycholes were examined of the seyd malicyous act.

fo. 60b.

Monday 14 August 28 Henry VIII (1536).

Mem. that Nycholes Grene, lait servaunt to Trestram Tesshe of the Citye of Yorke, gent, of the ayge of xxij yeres or therabouts sworne and examined before my lorde Mayer, Henry Dayson, Alderman, Robert Eckylton, one of the Shiryffs of this City, as towchyng the writyng and settyng up of the seyd sclaunderous bills; who utterly denyes that to be his deyd and farther saith uppon his othe that he was never prevey nor consentyng to the premyssez nayther in worde nor deyd.

Item the seyd Mayer and dyverse of his Brederin ar agreyd to send for Maister Trestram Tesshe, who is mayster unto the seyd Nycholes Greyn the afternone of this present day and to have his advyce what thyng he thynks best to doe more with the seyd Greyn; and theruppon the seyd Mayer enjoyned the seyd Greyn for to appere before them the same tyme and so lett hym goe and depart of his owne promes ageyn to his seyd mayster. And the seyd Maister Tesshe dyd then come personally before the seyd Mayer in the dwellyng place of the same Mayer, dyverse of his seyd Brederin beyng ther present, that is to say, Maister Hogeson,

[1] Marvellous; some one out of the ordinary.

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Maister Rauff Pulleyn, Maister Symson and Maister Shadlok and so they consultyd togydder, but the seid Greyn dyd not appere before them then as he hadde in commaundement of the seyd Mayer.

fo. 61.

Tuesday 15 August.

The seyd Nycholes Greyn, beyng examyned by the seyd Mayer, Maister Hogeson, Maister Tesshe, Maister Shadlok, within the Cathedrall Church of Seynt Peter of Yorke, who of his owne free wylle and beyng then at lybertie dyd then and ther confesse that be sinyster desyer, intysement and procurement of the wyf of the seyd Thomas Abney, his sister, that he wrote the seyd sclaunderous bylls that was made and devysed ageynst the seyd Maister Hogeson and the lady his wyf, Maister North, one of the Aldermen of the seid Citye and his wyf, a lityll before the feast of Seynt Mighell tharchangell last past the whiche is . . .[1] weks sens of thereabowts. Also he saythe that the settyng up of the seyd bills of dyverse posts and doors at that tyme was deferryd onely by reason that the seyd lady Hogeson was the same tyme gret with chylde to the entent that she shuld tayke no conceyt nor discomforth before that she shuld be delyvered of the chylde beyng then in her bodye. And also that the seyd Nycholes Greyn as he is nowe remembered wrote three of the seyd sclaunderous bylls after a copye that was writtyn with the proper hand of the seyd Thomas Abney to his knowlege and that his seyd suster made and of her malicyous mynde devysed the severall sclaunders conteyned in the seyd bylls. Moreover the seyd Nycholes saythe that the seyd Thomas Abney was prevey unto the writyng and devisyng of the seyd bylls and that he delyvered the seyd three bylls that he copyed in a chambre of the seyd Thomas Abney unto the hands of the same Abney, and that the seyd Abney and his wyf desyred hym to kepe ther cowncell. And the seyd Nycholes saythe that he was never prevey ne of cowncell of settyng up of the seid sclaunderous bylls.

fo. 61b.

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The seyd Elizabeth Abney, was examyned; she then and ther knowlegyd and confessyd that she was culpable and gilty of the devisyng, makyng and settyng up on the nyght tyme the seyd sclaunderous bylls ageynst the seyd Maister Hogeson and the lady his wife, the seyd Maister North and his wyf, and that she cawsyd the seyd Nycholes Greyn, her broder, to wryte three copys

[1] Blank.

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of the same bills by an other byll that she hadde devysed before that tyme. And she saythe that the seyd Maister Hogeson and Maister North never offendyd unto her affore this tyme, nor never gaf her occasion so to use her enenst them.

Also she saythe that she gaf a sterlyng grote unto a certen man of Halomshyer, whos name she doythe not knowe, for the settyng up of the seyd bills.

Item the seyd Thomas Abney, her husbond, likewyse examined nowe sayth and confessyth that he was perjured of the furst examynacon and nowe intendyth to declare and showe all the trouthe for his sowle heylth. And theruppon the same Thomas confessyth and knowlegyth that he is giltye and culpable of the writyng, makyng and settyng up on the nyght tyme of the seyd sclaunderous bills, and farther saythe that he wrote the furst byll therof and afterwards, that is to say, the v day of August last past procured one John Knyght, his kynsman, to sett them up in dyverse placs within this Citye on the nyght tyme, and that he went with his seyd kynsman the same day affore nyght to showe hym the placs ther as that he shuld set and festyn the seyd bylls.

fo. 62. **An Example to be made of those responsible for the Slanderous bills.**

21 August 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the seyd Thomas Abney and his wyf shld be brought before them tomorowe to here ther seyd confessyons red and also the confessyon of the seyd Nycholes Greyn and then farther to be ordred theruppon as they shuld juge them in example herafter of lyke offenders and to thentent that the seyd Mayer and Comminaltie of this Citie myght lyf and contynue in better rest and quyetnes then they have in tymez past for a gret grudge and murmore arrose emongs them by the occasyon of the settyng up bothe of the seyd sclanderous bills and of lyke other bylls in layte yerez past

fo. 63. **Punishment for setting up Slanderous bills.**

20 August 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

According to the last agrement as towchyng the makyng and settyng up of the seyd sclaunderous bylls, bothe the seyd Thomas Abney and his wif was personally brought before the seyd presens and the seyd Abney and his wyf hadde red unto them bothe ther oune severall confessyons and also the confessyons of the seyd Nycholes Greyn; and it was then and ther demaunded of them yf that they cowde at this tyme deny any part of the seyd confessyons and they aunsweryd ageyn and seyd that they cowde

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not deny them and confessyd then that bothe they were gilty as is before seyd. And the seyd Thomas Abney nowe confessyth that he was one of them that was privey to the settyng up of other sclaunderous bills before this tyme ageynst George Gayle, one of the Aldermen of the seyd Citye, as concernyng certeyn venyson and wyne that the seyd Maister Gayle dyd gyf unto the Common Cowncell (*fo.* 63b) of the Citye to thentent that they shuld not put hym for a lyte[1] to be one of the Shiryffs of the seyd City. And forsomyche as the seyd Thomas Abney and his wyf ar of suche misdemeanour within the seyd City not onely to the gret inquyetnes therof but also for so myche as they ar giltye by ther oune confessyons of the makyng and settyng up of the seyd sclaunderous bylls by occasyon whereof murder, varyance, stryf and debate was verey lyke to ensue emongs all the Commonaltie of the seyd City and so it ys takyn and consydered by all the rewlers and governers of the same City. Theruppon the seyd Mayer and his brederin, Aldermen of the seyd City, by thadvyce of the seid Shiryffs and xxiiij, that is, of the seyd Mayrez Cowncell, jugyth that the seyd Thomas Abney and Elizabeth, his wyf, shalbe delyvered by the common serjaunts of the seyd Mayer unto the iiij serjaunts and other offycers of the seyd Shiryffs withoute the pryson doore callyd the Mayres Kydcote to morowe, that is to say, the thursday the xxiiij day of August, and the seyd Abney to have no more clothyng but onely his shyrt, dowblet, hosyn, cap and showes and the serjaunts and other offycers of the seyd Shiryffs at the seyd prison dore shall so sett the seyd Thomas Abney of a hors bak, settyng of his face to the hors tayle, and a paper to be set of his hede and also he to have another lyke paper to hold betweyn bothe his hands (*fo.* 64) with this scrypture folowyng to be writtyn in bothe the seyd papers; "For settyng up of sclaunderous bylls and wylful perjury, thus to be punysshed deservyd have I." And that the seyd Elizabeth his wif to be set of another hors of the contrary and wrong syde of the seyd hors and she bere other too papers with lyke scripture of them; and bothe seyd Abney and his wif to be so led frome the seyd prison doore unto Conyngstrete, Stanegate and so directly to Walmegate barre and frome thens to retourne ageyn to be brought unto the Payment and in the opyn market place ther to be so led thryes abowt the pillory stondyn ther, and frome thens to be hadde furthwith withoute Mikellyth barre, and ther to be enjoyned by the seyd offycers in the name of the seyd Mayer and his Brederin that nayther the seyd Thomas Abney nor his seyd wyf shall from thensfurth never inhabyt nor dwelle within the seyd Citye and suburbes of the same over and above xv dayes next to come uppon payne to be set of the pillory if that they hereafter doe the contrary and within

[1] A corruption of the French word *eslit*; nominated. In the 18th century it had become further corrupted into "Light."

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the seyd tyme that they shall convey and have away furth of the City all ther goods and cattels.

Item it ys ordred that the seid Shiryffs offycers shall have a constable and too men of every parisshe for to assist and ayde them in doyng of the seyd execucon and the seyd constables and men to have halberts or bylls in ther hands unto the seid execucon be fully doone.[1]

fo. 67. **Payments to be made by the Sheriffs.**

4 September 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Robert Heckylton and William Holme, nowe Shiryffs of this City, and ther successours shiryffs for the tyme beyng shalbe lyke chargyd in all payments by reason of the offyce of Shiryffshyp as Maister Shadlok and Maister Cook was within the tyme that they were Shiryffs; and for true knowlege therof the partyclers of ther yerely payments hereafter apperyth, bothe of the fee farme and other payments accustomed.

Inprimis to the Erle of Rutlond and his herez savyng onely that where the seyd Maister Shadlok and Maister Cook payd to the Erle of Rutlond bot xxiiij marks, nowe the seyd Shiryffs and ther successours to pay yerely to the seyd Erle xl^{li} and they to be abatyd therfore accordingly in other formez concernyng the seyd offyce (*fo.* 67b).

In payment to the Erle of Rutlond and his heires xl^{li}

Item to the Deane and Chanons of Saynt Stephyns in Westminster xxx^{li}

Item to the heyres of Maister Thwayts of Davyhalle vij^{li} xij^{s} j^{d}

Item to the procers[2] in the Kyngs Exhequyer viij^{li}

Item for the feys accustomed bothe in the seyd exchequyer and in dyverse other of the Kyngs Courts at Westminster vij^{li}

Item for the clothyng accustomed unto the Mayers too gentylmen yerely iiij marks

Item to Maister Recorder his clothyng accustomed in clothe or ells in money therfore xxv^{s}

Item to pay the fees accustomed in the Kyngs eschequyer for ther . . . (*sic*) quietus est.

(*fo.* 68). Item to pay the clothyng and feez accustomed unto all the offycers and to the Kyngs mynstrells and messyngers.

Item to mayke the Kyngs proclamacon and all other customs as the seyd Shadlok and Cooke dyd and to delyver up ther Gaole of mighelmas day accordyng to the lawdable custome of the seyd City.

[1] To this order those present have put their signatures or their marks.

[2] Procers; if this is the correct expansion of the word in the MS. it will be a rare use of an anglicized form of the Latin word *Proceres*; the leading men.

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fo. 69. **Malicious language in the Merchants Hall.**

Saturday viz . . . day of September 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

John Shadlok, merchaunt, Robert Halle, merchaunt, Thomas Thornton, Bartylmewe York and John Hydwen, merchaunts, was sworne and examined as towchyng certen sedicyous and malicyous words yesterday in the Trinyte Halle before the Mayster Governour of the felishyp of Merchaunts and the felishyp then and ther beyng present, betweyn Maister Hogeson, one of the Aldermen of the seyd City, and Peter Robynson merchaunt; whiche witnessys confessyth uppon ther othes that bothe the seid Maister Hogeson and Peter Robynson dyd then and ther multeplye many opprobryous words and that the seyd Robynson dyd giff the occasyon and then and ther malicously and selaunderously callyd the seyd Maister Hogeson, fals perjured harlot and fals knayve, and sayde that he trustyd to se bothe hym and suche other fals knayves to were paper[1] shortly. And more over the seyd Robynson sayde that he shuld prove the seyd Maister Hogeson fals bothe to God and unto the Kyng, with many other sedicyous and malicyous words betwyn them to the great inquyetnes of the Kyngs subgietts and to the parlus example of lyke offenders. And hereuppon the seid Peter Robynson was callyd before the seyd presens to aunswere to the premyssez and he cowde not deny but that he hathe offendyd myche after as the seyd witnessys have before (*fo.* 69b) confessyd but he sayde that he was then myche more movyd ageynst the seyd Maister Hogeson then any other and sayde that he thowght that he myght be more bold of hym then of any other and whereas it was layde unto the seyd Peter Robynson charge the seyd words—that he shuld prove hym fals bothe unto God and to the Kyng—the seyd Robynson saythe that the seyd Maister Hogeson ageynst the Kyngs chartre dyd discharge hym of the Common Counsell of this City wherein he thynks that he was not true therein to God and to the Kyng.

fo. 71b.

Wednesday 20 September 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, and 6 others.

Maister Hogeson, Aldermen, of hys partye and also Peter Robynson, merchaunt, of his partye, before the seyd presens ar contentyd of ther owne mynds and frely have submytted themselffs to the onely order and jugement of the seyd Mayer and his Brethern bothe as towchyng almaner of varyauncs, unsittyng words that was spokyn by ayther of the seyd partyes in Trinity

[1] To be publicly punished, wearing a paper on which was written their crime.

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halle within this Citye or in any other and of all other mysdemeanours.

fo. 73. **Raising Money to pay M.P.s.**

Wednesday before St. Michaels Day (Sep. 29) 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the parliament money that hathe been payde and yit is owyng unto the Citizens of the Kyngs high courte of Parlyament for this City shalbe levyed and payde forthwith by all the citizens and inhabytaunts within this City and also by the inhabitaunts within the wapentyke of the Ainsty, accordyng to the auncyent custome; in consyderacon that the Common Chambre is nowe in suche dett that it ys not hable nor lyke to contynue without good provisyon and remedy shortly hadde for the mayntenaunce of the same.

fo. 75. **The Malt Bell.**

7 October 28 Henry VIII (1536).

Item it ys agreyd that the Malt bell shalbe rong at xj a clok in wynter and at xij of the clok in somer.

fo. 77. **Chamberlain's accounts to be audited.**

3 November 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor and 13 others.

Agreyd that the Chamberleyns of this City shall content and pay the common chargs of this Citye, like wyse as ther predecessours hathe done in tymez past. And where as ther is a murmour and great grudge emongs the Commons of this City at this day by reason of sinyster enformacon of certein malicyous persons that intendyd more variaunc discencion therein good order and rule to be hadde and kept within this Citie for pacefyng whereof and also for the declaracon of the trouthe unto all the seid Commons, it ys agreyd that too Aldermen, too of the xxiiij and iiij honest Commoners shalbe namyd and elect to be auditours of the Chamberleyns accompts and of all other bylls of compleynt towchyng any fraunchest man of the seid City for the profett of the common Chambre.

fo. 79b. **Names of these who are to meet the Duke of Norfolk and arrangements for their journey.**

23 November 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

It is ordred by my lord Mayer and the assemblie above named for the going to Pounfrett and Doncastre to the metyng

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with the Duke of Norffolk against satterdaye the second day of decembre next comyng in maner folowyng.

The names of the persons that shall go.

Sir George Lawson, knight, with iij servaunts.

(*fo.* 80) Maister Barker, Alderman, with iij servaunts.[1]

John Hedwyn, Shirreff, with ij servaunts.

Cristofer Conyers, Chamberleyn, with j servaunt.

William Harper, Chamberleyn, with j servaunt.[1]

Peter Robynson with j servaunt.

George Pulleyn with j servant.

John Beane with j servant.[1]

Item the Chamberleyns to paye to Maister Lawson and the Shirreff, to every of them vj^{s} viij^{d} for ther cote.

Item every of the other v iiiij^{s} for a cote.

Item to every servaunt ij^{s} viij^{d} for a cote.

Item the two Chamberleyns above named to be stewards for the Citie at this tyme and to provide all things necessarie as vittaills and others and to disbourse moneys as shalbe requisite from tyme to tyme duryng the contynuance of this journeye and to see for lodging, horsmeytt and other things.

Item a carte with convenyent horses to be prepayred for conveyaunce of the tent, vittalls and all othre things requisite and also axes to cutt wood with other necessaries.

(*fo.* 80b). Item the tent to be preparyd and maid in a redynes in all thyngs redy to be sett up as nede shall require and artificers to go in hands with all diligens to amend the said tent.

fo. 81b. **Post-horses.**

26 Nov. 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

It was agreyd that ther shalbe preparyd in every ward of this Citie oone post horse.

Item that every parishe within the iiij wards shall pay towards the sustentacon of the same in all things as muche as the oon quarter wags of the clerk in every parishe amountith unto and every man and woman in ther parishes to pay after the same rate and the constables in every parishe to gydder the soome money.

fo. 82b. **Refusal to be Chamberlain.**

18 Dec. 28 Henry VIII (1536). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 19 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Richerd Sydds, tapitour, elect to be oon of the Chamberleyns, shalbe callyd before the said presents to be sworn in the said Office according to the custome of this Citie, orells to abyd the order of this howse.

[1] These names are crossed through.

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At which day the said Richard cam personally before the said presents and refusyd to be sworn in the said office and also refusyd to abyd to order of the said howse therin. Wheruppon it was fully agreyd that the said Richerd shalbe furthwith commyttyd to prison therto abyd onto suche tyme that he be content to be sworn orells to abyd the order above said.[1]

fo. 84b. **Mayoral Election. A post-horse. Knavesmire.**

11 January 28 Henry VIII (1536-7). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the Common Counsell and the heyd sersours of the xiij and xv crafts of this Citie shalbe warnyd to be at the Common Hall of this Citie uppon monday next for the eleccon of the Mayer, Chamberleyns and other officers of this Citie according to the Kings chartour of eleccon and no mo persons to be ther at that day but according to the poynt of the sayd chartour uppon payn of allegeaunce to the King our sovereign lorde.

Item it is agreyd that Maister Brax wyddo, shalbe payd iij^{s} iiij^{d} for her horse hyer whiche was takyn for post horse and beyng furth the space of v weyks.

(*fo.* 85). Item it is agreyd that Thomas Slater, mylner, and Robert Elden, tanner, shall have and be payd betwixt them xxvj^{s} viij^{d} for ther payns takyng in kepyng and oversight the common pasture of Knavsmyer for strange cattell etyng of it by nyght or day.

fo. 85b. **City Chamberlains. Price of Wine.**

22 January 28 Henry VIII (1536-7). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that frome nowe furth whosoever be chosyn Chamberleyn of this Citie shall pay no fyne, that is to say, iiij^{li} to the Chamber of this Cite if that he or they have beyn brygmaister or moremaister of this Citie.

Agreyd that noon within this Citie shall sell any gascoyng wyn or franche wyn above x^{d} le gallon.

fo. 86. **Aid towards getting the City out of debt.**

Thursday 25 January 28 Henry VIII (1536-7). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

John Brown cam personally and offeryd of his oune good wyll toward helpyng the Chamber furth of dett to pay for oone Chamberleyn nowe elect whome he shall name x^{li} for the said Chamberleyn, for that he was nother moremaister nor brygmaister

[1] On 22 Dec. Sydds says he "is not able in goods to be oon of the "Chamberleyns," and on 30 Dec. it is reported that he has left the City without permission; he is fined xxs.

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iiij^{li}, and for his parishe churche where he dwellyth vj^{li}, and forther to do for his oune parte as other doith which have be Chamberleyns of this Citie, so that the said Chamber be broght clere furth of dett.

fo. 86b. **Food to be ready for the coming of the Duke of Norfolk. More money for the City.**

Friday 26 January 28 Henry VIII (1536-7). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that tomorow being saterday and the markett day proclamacons shallbe maid in Thursday markett, Minster gate, Ousebrig end and in the Pavement that all inholders, brewers, bakers, bochers, fishermongers and all other vittellers shall prepare and have in redynes good and holsom vittells to serve against the worshipful the Duke of Norfolks grace, the Kings lieutenaunt in thies north parties and his company, at prices resonable so that no person or persons have or shall have no cause to complayn in anywise for mysusing the same.

And that all vynteners sell gascoigne wyn for x^{d} a gallon and not above.

(*fo.* 87). M^{d} that William Harper and his felas lait Chamberleyns of this Citie haith offeryd before my lord Mayer and his Brethern towards helpyng the Chamber furth of dett of his oun good wyll to pay x^{li}

[1]Item William Watson haith offeryd xx^{ti} marks
Item Mathewe Hertley offerith x^{li}
Item Thomas Appylyard offerith xiiij^{li}
Item Cristofer Conyers offerith . . . (*blank*)
Item Robert Man offerith xiiij^{li}
Item John Clerk, butcher, offeryth . . . (*blank*)

fo. 88. **Chamberlain's payments.**
The Recorder to be sent for.

31 January 28 Henry VIII (1536-7). *Present*—William Harrington, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Crystofer Conyers and his felos, lait Chamberleyns of this Citie, shall truely content and pay unto George Pulleyn and his felos lait Chamberleyns, ther predecessours, all and every ther surplusaige according as they ar chargyd in the foyt of ther accompt. And also the said Cristofer Conyers and his felos shall truely content and pay all other chargs had and maide in ther yere; and lykwyse charge and discharge themselfs truely of all ther resaits and payments in ther accompts according to the auncyent custome of this Citie.

[1] xxti marks is crossed through and there is added "and releas hym of iiij^{li} for that that he was no brygmaister xiiij^{li}.

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Item it is agreyd that the Chamberleyns of this Citie for the tyme beyng shall truely content and pay all and every suche somes of money as they shalbe hereafter comandyd to pay and lay down by my lorde Mayer and his Brethern for the common proffett and weale of this Citie.

Item it is agreyd that Master Pulleyn, Recorder, shalbe sent for in all the haist possyble to come to this Citie in all haist convenyent to gyve his counsell in dyverse and especiall busynes concernyng this said Citie.

fo. 89b. **The Chamberlains. Letter from the Recorder.**

10 February 28 Henry VIII (1536-7). *Present*—Ralph Pulleyn, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

My lorde Mayer and his Brethern mosyonyd and hertlie desyeryd Maister Hydwyn and his felos, lait Chamberleyns of this Citie, that they of ther good will wold gyve sparyng of ther resait of ther surplusaige due unto them byfore this day by Master Conyers and his felos lait Chamberleyns. And uppon the said mosyon the said Master Hydwyn and his fellos was contentyd to gyve sparyng of ther said surplusaige unto wendynsday com a sennet, so that they myght be sure to have ther said surplusage at that day.

Mem. ther was a letter sent unto Master John Pulleyn, Recorder of this Citie, from my lorde Mayer and his Brethern, that he shuld in any wyse com to this Citie in all the haist convenyent to gyve his counsell both as concernyng the late eleccon of two Aldermen of this Citie and also for other things concernyng this said Citie orells they wold seke further counsell if that he cam not. And theruppon he sent a letter of his aunswer therin the tenour whereof herafter folowith.

(*fo.* 90). To my lorde Mayer of the Citie of York.

My lorde Mayer, I recommend me unto you with knawlege that I have resavyd your letter whereby ye wold have had me to be with you this mornyng. My lorde, I dowt not ye have in your remembrance that I was with you v days laitlie to my charge iiij nobles without recompense, and eversens my commyng home I myght not stand streyght up in my bake. Therfore seyng I am agyd and may not well labour, ye may at your pleasour taike suche counsell as will serve you to the worship of this Citie according to your letter in the name of God. At my power howse at Kyllynghall this present fryday in the mornyng.

Yours John Pulleyn.

fo. 92. **More help to clear the City of debt.**

26 February 28 Henry VIII (1536-7). *Present*—Ralph Pulleyn, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

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It was concludyd and fully agreyd with the consent of the moost parte of the Comminalte of the sayd Citie afterward assemblyd in the Common Halle, that whereas the seyd lorde Mayer, his brederen Aldermen and the seyd Comminalte of ther oune free wylles have grauntyd and payd dyverse sommes of mony towards the bringyng the common chambre of the seyd Citye owt of dett; and in lyke maner John Langton, gentylman, Robert Paycock, merchaunt; Richard Sayvege, berebruer; William Thikpenny, fishmonger; Richard Whyte, taillour; Ric. Thomson, sporyer; Ric. Thomlynson, William Copeland, taillours; Ric. Syds, tapytour; William Grisedayle, capper; Robert Brodds, taillour; Thomas Warde, barbour; Robert Jonson, pewtrer; John Barnes, tanner; John Hewetson, glover; Thomas Smyth, tanner; Thomas Jakson, plomer; Ric. Gybson, cordyner, Bryan Tesymond, cordyner; and Charles Wedderall cordyner, nowe elect and (*fo.* 92b) admytted Chamberleyns of the seyd City have grauntyd to pay emongs them cc marks, that is to say, every oone of them xx noblez of ther oune proper goods to the cleryng of the seyd common Chambre owte of dett. And also Cristofer Conyers, merchaunt and his vj fellos the old Chamberleyns for the consyderacion afforeseyd have grauntyd lxx^{li}, that is to wyt, every one of them x^{li}. And to thentent that the seyd common Chamber shalbe kept and holdyn owte of dett frome nowfurth for the common welle of all the citizens of the seyd City and ther successours and for the worshyp of the same Citye, therfore yt is nowe enactyd with the concent and assent of the moste parte of the seid Comminaltie that all thos citizens that hereafter shalbe elect and admytted unto the roume and offyce of Chamberleynship of this City every oone of them so elect and admytted shall content and pay within the tyme of his offyce and by force of beryng suche roume and offyce xx nobles of lawfull Englisshe money to the seyd common Chambre to the use of all the common chargs of the seyd City, unles that they have been ayther brygmaisters or mooremasters of the seyd City; and if that they have been and exercised ayther of the seyd offycs then to pay to the seyd common Chambre to the use above seyd but onely iiij^{li}.

fo. 95b. **Time of shutting the City gates. Green table cloths. The Sherriff's riding. The Pageant.**

3 May 29 Henry VIII (1537). *Present*—Ralph Pulleyn, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the gaits and postrons of this Citie shalbe kept shett and sporne every nyght from the feast of the Invencion of the holy Crosse next unto the feast of the exaltacon of the holy Crosse next, ensewyng; that is to say, the iiij officers to my lorde Mayer of this Citie shall gyve monysion and warnyng unto the constables within ther wards that the said constables shall warne

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and appoynt every nyght two men to wache and kep the said barrs shet and sporne nyghtlie frome x of the clok at nyght unto iiij of the clok in the mornyng duryng the said feasts.

Item it is agreyd that the Chamberleyns shall by two greyn clothes or carpetts to ly appon the two tables or boards within the Counsell Chamber of this Citie

(*fo.* 96). Item it is agreyd that Maister Shyrryffs of this Citie shall ryde uppon Corpuscristy day with men in hernesse[1] accordyng to the ancyent custome of this City.

Item it is agreyd that my lorde Mayor shall take an order betwixt the loksmyths and blaksmyths of this Citie concernyng ther pagyant.

Item to take an order likwyse betwixt the masons and laborers of this Citie concernyng ther pageant

fo. 96b. **Beds and stabling in the City and Ainsty.**

Draft of a letter to the King.

Citie of Yorke. Hereafter apperyth howe many bedds ar within the said Citie and subberbs of the same, within the wapentake of Aynstie for estrangers and also stablyng for ther horses over and besyds the Close of York, Saynt Andros and the iiij placys of freres of the said Citie, over and besyds the Aldermen and other honest merchaunt men of this Citie, whiche kepys logyng for ther frends.

Myklyth ward.

Item primis (*sic*) within that ward cclx bedds.
Item stablyng for cccc v^{xx} xvj horses.

Walmegate ward.

Item within that ward ccc bedds.
Item stabling for v^{c} xvij horses.

Monk ward.

Item within that ward ciiij^{xx} v bedds.
Item stablyng for ccxviij horses.

Bowthom ward

Item within that ward cciiij^{xx} bedds.
Item stablyng for D v^{cc} horses.
Summa totalis of the fedder bedds D cc fedder bedds.
Summa totalis of their matresses cccxxxv matresses.
Summa totalis of all the bedds abovesaid m xxxv bedds.
Summa totalis of all the said stabling m' D ccccj horses.

(*fo.* 97). Wapentake of Aynsty.

Item within the sayd wapentake lxxviij bedds over and besyds gentylmens placs within the said wapentak, the certenty thereof as yit ar not knoun by reason of ther absens.

[1] Hernesse; harnes, i.e. armour.

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To the Kings moste honourable Counsell.

Pleas it your good lordeshipps to be advertishyd that at this present day, the xxiiij day of this instant moneth of May thanked be God ther is no maner plaige ne syknnes within this the Kings Citie of Yorke, the subberbs of the same nor within the wapentake of Aynstie pertenyng to the said Citie, but that if it so may pleas the King moost royall majestie to com to this his said Citie it shalbe to all us his power subjetts and most boundon dalie beydmen the moost high comfurth in the world next to our lord God to whome we shall hertely pray to preserve our moost drad sovereign lord the King long in prosperyte to endure to Godds pleasour and to send us a prynce to all our comforts.

By your moost humble bedemen.[1]

fo. 98b. **Keys of the City seal box.**

17 May 29 Henry VIII (1537).

The naymes of thos that hathe the custody and kepyng of the iiij keys of the chyst ther as the common seyll of this Citye lyth.

Radulphus Pulleyn, Mayor, one key of the box.

Henricus Dayson, Alderman, one key of the long chyst.

Johannes Langton, gent, the eldest Chamberleyn, one key of the seyd long chyst.

Johannes Deyn of the Common Cowncell the key of the hyng lok of the seyd long chyst.

fo. 99. **Some ex-Chamberlains to shut up their shops.**

17 June 29 Henry VIII (1537). *Present*—Ralph Pulleyn, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, one Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Christofer Conyers, merchaunt, William Watson, merchaunt, William Herper, tayllour, Thomas Appilyerd and Matthewe Hartley, v of the olde Chamberleyns shall furthwith sparre and shet in ther wyndos and not to occupye as free men of this Citye within this City unto suche tyme that they have paid ther parts of ther Chamberleyns money for the yere that they were Chamberleyns, lykewise as Robert Man, merchaunt, and John Clerk, bocher, too of ther bretherin have doone.

fo. 101. **The ex-Chamberlains.**

Sale of plate belonging to St. Christopher's Guild.

18 July 29 Henry VIII (1537). *Present*—Ralph Pulleyn, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

It was determyned that Christofer Conyers (and others above-named) shall every one of them content and pay to the Common Chambre of the City x^{li} sterlyng for disobeyng the acts

[1] This letter is not signed.

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and ordynauncs of this City to the parlus example and ageynst ther fraunches othe. Moreover it ys agreyd that the seyd Cristofer Conyers and other abovenamyd shall remayn in prison unto suche tyme that they have payde suche sommez of money as the Mayer and Commonalte have allowed them for Maister Harryngton, Maister Gayle and Myles Newton (*fo.* 101b) common clerk as ar allowyd them in ther Chambeleyns accompt of the last yere.

Immediately after the makyng of the seyd act Maister North, Alderman, and Maister Heckylton, one of the xxiiij, as good masters and freends of the seyd William Watson have content and payde iij^{li} in goold of ther owne money for the parte of the seyd Watson and theruppon the same Watson was set at libertie, and also hadde lycence of the seyd Mayer to opyn ageyn his wyndoo etc.

(*fo.* 102). It is agreyd that John Deyn, nowe Master of the Guyld of Seynt Cristofer and Seynt George of York shall selle all the pewter vessell belongyng the seyd Guyld, and also the goold and sylver of the great relek towards the payment of xij^{li} due and owyng unto George Pulleyn, layte Maister and Governour of the seyd Guyld the last yere.

Item yt is agreyd that the seyd John Deyn shall contynue Maister and Governour of the seyd Guyld for the yere next to come for dyverse specyall consyderacons; and frome nowfurth bothe he and his successours, Maisters and Governours of the seyd Guyld to make ther accompts yerely abowte the feast of the Purificacon of our Lady callyd Candylmas before ther auditours.

fo. 103b. **New Esquire to the Mace.**

20 August 29 Henry VIII (1537). *Present*—Ralph Pulleyn, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Percyvalle Selby was callyd and then and ther was fraunchesyd and admytted to the lyberties of this City. And immediately or that he departyd, at the contemplacon of the lettres of the ryght honourable lorde Prevey Seyll, was admytted into the rowme and offye of Esquyer at the giltyd mac to the lorde Mayor of this Citie with all wags, feez, clothyng, perquisyts and profetts therunto belongyng in the rowme and place of John Burton, decessyd.

fo. 108. **Sheriffs officers to be punished.**
Enquiry into fishgarths. Sacks for charcoal.

7 November 29 Henry VIII (1537). *Present*—Ralph Pulleyn, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 10 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that whereas John Lodale and Myles Shawe, too of the Shyrryffs officers, of ther oune mere wrong and wylfulnesse this present day have takyn the nett of Maister Dayson, Maister Hogeson, Maister Gayle and of Maister Dogeson, farmours of the Kyngs bowe of Ousebryg, stonding within the said bowe for takyng

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of fishe accordyng to the lease of the Mayer and his Brethern, for whiche offence it is fully agreyd that the seyd John Lodale and Myles Shawe shall remain in preson unto suche tyme as they have sett and restoryd agayne the said nett unto the same place where as they tuyke it.

And over that they to agree with the owners of the said nett for the said offence according to right and good concyence; and the preson dore to be lokkyd so long as the said offenders ar in the said preson.

(*fo.* 108b). It is agreyd that my Lord Mayor shall send for Maister Recorder and they too to appoynt a tyme certen unto all them that hais any fishgarths or weres stondyng within the waters of Ouse, Derwent or other places where the said Mayer and Recorder and his Brethern ar the Kyngs commyssioners; then to showe before them what right, interest and title that they have to levie and maynteyn the seid fishegarthers; and it is further agreyd that the said Lord Mayer, Maister Recorder and other the Kings Commyssioners of the Sowers shall dewlie put the Kings statuts in full execuccon.

Item it is agreyd that none shall bryng no charcolles to this Citie oneles ther sekkys old half a quarter of the saide colles and thay that failles thereof shall forfett ther said colles to the Common Chambre.

fo. 109. **Payments to be made by the new Chamberlains.**

21 November 29 Henry VIII (1537). *Present*—Ralph Pulleyn, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

It was agreyd that where as the ryght reverent fader in God lorde busshop of Durham, Precydent of the Kyngs moste honourable Cowncell establisshed in the North partyes and his fellos of the seyd Cowncell ar agreyd that John Langton and his fellos the newe Chamberleyns of this City accordyng to the auncyent ordinaunes and custome of the seyd Citye shall content and pay unto Maister John Hydwen, merchaunt, and to his fellos the olde chamberleyns of the seyd Citye that xxiiij^{li} vij^{s} ij^{d} that is due and owyng of the seyd City by vertue of ther offyce of Chamberleyns as the seyd Mayer and his Bredern shall order the seyd newe Chamberleyns. It is nowe fully agreyd that the seyd John Langton and his seyd fellos shall of friday next commyng content and pay unto the seyd John Hydwen and his fellos the olde (*fo.* 109b) Chamberleyns the seyd xxiiij^{li} vij^{s} ij^{d} and in defawte therof the seyd newe Chamberleyns to remayne in ward within the Mayrez kydcote unto suche tyme as they have payd the seyd xxiiij^{li} vij^{s} ij^{d}.

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fo. 110b. **Letter to the Archbishop about fishgarths.**

To the moost reverend fader in Gode and our singular good lorde the Lorde Archebusshop of York.

Moost reverend fader in God and our singler god Lorde in our hartie maner wee commaund us unto your grace. Pleas it the same to knowe that wee have concludyd to syt within our Common Halle of the City of Yorke the v. day of December next commyng whiche shalbe the evyn of Saynt Nycholes, busshop, and ther and then by vertue of the King oure moost drad sovereign lord commysion to here and examyn the tytles of dyvers persons that have heretofore erectyd and levied certen unlawfull gowres, weres and fisshegarthes within the water of Ouse and in other placs mensionyd within the said comyssion to the noysance agaynst the fourme of dyverse of the Kings acts and statuts thereof maide and provided. And whereas your said Grace hath levied like gores, weres and fisshegarthes with [in] the said water of Ouse, therefore it may pleas your grace to declare before us at the place and day abovesaid your title whereby that you have so doon and also by what right and title that you entend to mayntene the same. I and my predecessours that have beyn Mayors of the said Citie have gyvyn your said grace at dyverse tymes monycions and warnyngs of your said weres whiche as yit is undoon as it dyd playnlie appere this yere when wee dyd warne bothe your grace and dyverse other according to the Kings comyssion as knowith the blissyd Trinyte who preserve your grace long to contyn[u]e in honour.

Frome the Citie of Yorke under the seale of myn office of the mayraltie of the same the xxvj day of November.

fo. 111b. **The Lord Chancellor asks for the clerkship to the Crane.**

To my loving frendes the Mayre and Aldermen of the Citie of York. After my right hertie and loving commendacions; where I am emfourmed ther is an office callyde and namyde the Clerk of the Crayne or weyer of the leade within the Citie of York of your gift, nominacon and disposicion from tyme to tyme at your will and pleasure; thes shalbe to advertise you that in as moch as I have a servaunt commorant and abyding there amongs you namyde Richerd Bukoke and a man as I suppose of such dexterite that he is apte for thexcercising of the same as I doubt not over other his qualities ye parfitlie knowe, ye will the raither at the contemplacion of thes my lettres use my said servaunt with your laufull favours in his sute to you for the same like as in your so doyng I shall hereafter in your laufull affaires recompense your loving favours herein accordinglie eftsone not doubting that you will stay herein at this my request and what shalbe your aunswer in this to my said servaunt I desier you that I may be

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advertised frome you so that I may give you therfore condign thanks. And thus hertely God kepe you. At Cristchurche this xxv day of November.

Your loving frend

Thomas Audeley, kn^{t}, Chaunceler.

fo. 117b. **The Lord Chancellor desires a post for his Servant.**

11 February 29 Henry VIII (1537-8). *Present*—William Wright, *locum tenens*, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Wylliam Gylmyn came personally before the said presens and delyverd the Lorde Chauncelour lettre the tenour whereof hereafter ensewyth.

To his right hartie loving frends the Lorde Mayre and Aldermen of the Citie of York.

After my right hartie commendacons; where I laitly wrote my lettres unto you in the favour of a servaunt of mynne, oon Richerd Buccok, for thoffice of clerkeship of cranage within the Citie of Yorke, understanding sithens by your gentill lettres that oone Gilmyn, beyng an honest man, hath of long tyme hadd and occupied the same office, having noone other lyving for hym and his power wyf and children, and that ye for my satisffaccon will be very glade at any tyme to preferre my said servaunt to the reversion of any other rome or office within the said Citie, so that he shall have the same when so ever suche office shall fall voyde; wherefore I hartely thank you and do signifie unto you that I wold be right sory that I or any of mynne loving frendes at the contemplacion of my letters or at my request shuld expulse any power man from his office or living, wherfore thiese shalbe (*fo.* 118) to advertise you that I have taken order with my said servaunt that the said Gylmyn shall still enjoye and occupie his office as he haith don heretofore withoute farther sute or molestaccon of my said servaunt, right hertely desyreing and prayeng you that according unto your foresaide lettres ye will withoute delay graunt to my said servaunt under your common seale the reversion of suche other office in your gift as he shall hereafter make sute unto you for, and so doing the rather in contemplacon of thies my lettre I shalbe glad at all tymes hereafter to reacquit your gentylnes in all your reasonable pursuts accordinglie as shall apperteigne, and thus right hartely fare ye well. Wryttyn at mynne house of Christ church in London the thirde day of February.

Your assured loving frend,

Thomas Audeley knt Chaunceler.

After whiche reding and reasonyng of the same at large the same Wylliam Gilmyn was restorede unto the offyce of the clerkship of the common crayne of this Citie.

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fo. 119.

Death and burial of the Mayor.
Election of a new Mayor.

Where as yt hathe pleasyd Almighty God to gader unto his mercy Maister John Shawe, Mayer of this City, the tuisday at nyght, whiche was the xijth day of February (xxix Henry VIII), his bodye was entyred in his parisshe churche of the said City callyd Crows churche[1] the next day after at after nowne of the same day, his bredren Aldermen, Shyriffs, xxiiij, Chamberleyns of this City and many other honest and discrete citizens of the said Citye beyng at his diryge after the auncient and laudable custome of the said Citye; and the thursday next after, whiche was the xiiijth day of February, the said Aldermen, Shiryffs, xxiiij and also the Common Counsell and all other of the Commonaltie of the said Citie peceably and in sober maner assemblyd themselfs within the Common Halle and then and ther the abovesaid Aldermen, Shiryffs and xxiiij accordyng to the auncyent and lawdable custome of the said City went and procedyd unto the eleccon of a newe Mayer in the rowme and place of the said Maister Shawe, before that remembryng and declaryng openly to the forsaid Commonaltie the day, yere and place above said howe that the most voyces of the said Common Cowncell, the xiij and (*fo.* 119b) xv crafts namyd and appoyntid in the Kyngs Chartre for the eleccon of Mayrez of this Citye of the said xvth day of January whiche was Saynt Maury day last past put in for ther eslyts to the ryght worshipfull Rauff Pulleyn then Mayer of the said City, his bredren Aldermen, Shiryffs and xxiiij the said Maister Shawe, Maister Rauff Symson and Maister John Northe, three eslyts, the said Aldermen, Shiryffs and xxiiij by ther othes and moste voyces on the said day Mawry dyd elect and chose the said Maister Shawe, and the said xiiij day of February dyd elect and chose the said Maister Northe to be Mayer of this Citye to have, exercyse and occupye that same offyce frome the said xiiij day of February unto the feast of Saynt Blase then next folowyng. And theruppon the said Maister Northe tuyk his othe and was sworne Mayer of the said City in the said Common Halle and all the said Aldermen beyng ther present, savyng onely the said (*fo.* 120) Maister Symson, was sworne unto hym accordyng to the auncyent custome of the said City. And after that the maceberers, swordberers, Common Clerk and the iiij servaunts was sworne and tuyk ther othes accustomed. And immediately after all the said Commonaltie was also sworne and tuyk there othez accustomed to be lele, true, assistyng and aidyng to the said Mayer in all thyngs concernyng the ryght of the Citie and the honour of his offyce and to the same entent all the said Comons held up ther hands. And immediatly after that doone the same day the said Aldermen, Shiryffs, xxiiij

[1] St. Crux Church which formerly stood at the bottom of the Shambles.

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and Commonalte attendyd and went home with the said newe Mayer to his owne place within this City. And the same Mayer made chere and gaff them mayne bryd, ayle, wyne and comfetts accordyng to the said auncyent custome. And after that they went with the sayd Mayer unto Crowschurch afforsaid to the obet masse of the said Maister Shawe and offerd ther, of whos sowle God have mercy.

Mem. that the said Maister Northe hadde xiij severall voyces of the said Aldermen, Shiryffs and xxiiij to be Mayer and the said Maister Symson hadde but v voycez.[1]

MS. C/Y *fo.* 1b. **Oath of the Mayor.**

I shall be trusty and true unto the the Kyng our sovereigne Lord and to this Citie of York, and this same City I shall save ande surely kepe unto the Kyng our sovereigne Lorde, to his heyrez and his successours and all the fraunchezez, fredomez, rightez, libertiez, lawez, usagez and thaccustomez of the same, I shall upholde, kepe, supporte and maynteyn at all my power and connyng and I shall doo right to riche and to poore and for noo thynge lett but I shall so as so helpe me Gode at the holye dome and by this book.[2]

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fo. 121. **Attempt to hoax a Chaplain. The Glasiers.**

19 February 29 Henry VIII (1537-8). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Thomas Atkynson, merchaunt, of the aige of xxvj yeres or ther abouts, examyned before the said presens confessith that of friday at nyght last past tetwixt x and xj of the cloke he cam to the howse of Sir Christofer Paynter, preist, Chapleyn unto my Lord Mayre of this Citie, John Bean of this City, inholder, then and ther informyd the said Thomas what he shuld say unto Christofer Paynter as hereafter apperyth—Sir Christofer, my Lord Mayer prays you to be with hym in the mornyng betyms for he hath strangers, that he must bryng a pyke in the mornyng very tymelie about thre or iiij of the clokk for they ryd very tymly fro my Lord Mayer. And the said Sir Christofer then aunsweryd and said—Whose servaunt are ye? And the said Thomas said—I am my Lord Mayer servaunt. Then said Sir Christofer—an I know you well ynough; and then the said John Bean. and said Thomas furthwith departyd and went ther wais home.

[1] For previous records of death of a Mayor during his year of Office see *York Civic Records,* vol. II, pp. 65 and 67, and vol. III, p. 25.

[2] I insert here this earliest known form of the Mayor's oath in English; it dates probably from the reign of Henry VIII. It is found at the beginning of the first volume containing the names of Freemen. In *York Memorandum Book,* vol. II, p. 256 is an earlier form of the oath in Anglo-French.

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(*fo.* 121b) Item the said John Bean examyned saith that he oonely[1] did not enfourme the said Thomas to speke suche wordes as the said Thomas haith confessyd of hym, but forther he saith that he hymself, Thomas Atkynson, Sir Christofer Petty, John Hargyll, Sir John Bean, priest, Robert Gamyll, Robert ——,[2] wever, William Blewod, wever, all agreyd that the said Thomas Atkynson shuld say suche words unto the said Sir Christofer for a sport and pastyme and for noon other purpos.

It is agreyd by the said presents that the said persons above namyd for the offence abovesaid shalbe commytted to ward and to be ordred by the discression of my said Lord Mayor for ther offencs.

(*fo.* 123). Furthermore it is agreyd that all and every suche mysdmeenyd persons beyng commoners of this Citie whiche was at the Common Hall for the eleccon of a Mayer according to the Kings charter of eleccon, that after the said Mayer was electyd presomtuusly departyd furth of the said Hall before that they were sworne unto ther said Mayer as other trewe commoners were then and ther according to the said chartour; that all and every suche mysdemenourd persons shalbe boundon in recognysance of good aberyng as well in word as in deyd againste the Lord Mayer that nowe is and his brethern Aldermen of the said Citie.

(*fo.* 124) Mem. the sersours and the hole occupacon of the glasiers of this Citie haith elect and chosyn too of the most able and discreyt persons of the same occupacon whos names ar Robert Bogg and Richerde Pylly, of the which too my Lord Maire and his Bredren muste appoynt and name oon of them to be of the Common Councell of this Citie in the name and place of John Cawdebek, glasier, deceasyde.

fo. 125. **Price of Ale.**

Undated. *Present*—John North, Mayor, 3 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Yt was consydered that a quarter of the best malt is sold within the Kyngs marketts of the City for iij^{s} iiij^{d} and therfore it is nowe agreyd that the common brewsters frome nowfurth shall selle a dossan of ther best ayle, xiiij galons to the dossan, for xviij^{d}; and good stayle ayle for j^{d} ob the gallon, and a wyne quart of ayle for a ob. within ther howses, and the constables and ayltaysters to put the premyssez in due execucon uppon payne of forfettyng iij^{s} iiij^{d}[3]

[1] Oonely; alone, by himself.

[2] Blank.

[3] For price of ale see *York Civic Records*, vol. I, pp. 50, 69, 93; vol. III, pp. 109, 117, 135, 154.

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fo. 126. **Plague in York. Rules for beggars.**

2 April 29 Henry VIII (1538). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that for so much as ther is nowe dyverse persons within this City and subberbs of the same decesyd and other mo infectyd with the decese of playg called pestyllence whiche is lyke to be to the utter distruccon of the hole Citie onelesse better remyedy be provydyd therin; therefore it is now agred that from now furth all suche persons of this Citie as nowe ar or hereafter shalbe visetyd or infectyd with the said decese of pestilence shalbe and abyd without Lathrop postron of this Citie in certein houses therto so appoyntyd by my Lord Mayer and his Bredren. And the said persons so infectyd shall not go abrod nor come within this Citie for no causes, and the said Lathrop postron to be shet upp for that purpos and that no person shalbe ther but suche as shalbe assignyd by my Lord Mayer, provydyd therefore that suche persons so infectyd shalbe relevyd of the costs and chargis of all the hole Citie; and more over that every suche person shall have and carry up in ther hands a whyte wand to thentent thy shalbe known.

Agreyd that the Kings statute of beggers shalbe put in due execuccon with effect.

Agreyd that every constable of every parishe shall cause wryte the names of every begger in the parishe, and also commaund suche beggers to appere to moro at after noon before the wardens of that ward at suche tymes and place as the said wardens shall assigne and that noone shalbe admyttyd to begg within this Citie whiche was without this Citie and suberbs of the same ooneles he or thay be admyttyd by maister warden of that ward and that no begger shall go abrod to begg neither within the mynster garth nor in noon other place within this Citie but kepe ther howses and the maister of the beggers with other assignyde to them by maister wardens shall goo about in their wards to gydder the charytie of well disposyd people and bryng it to the said poore folk in every parishe in the wards.

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fo. 2. **Lands outside Micklegate Bar.**

[1]St Mathews day 30 Henry VIII (1538). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Agreyd by the moste voycez of the said presens that all closez and garthez lyng without Mykilyth barre that was wont and accustomed to ly owte in wyntertyme shalbe frome hensforthe

[1] 21 September. There is a gap of over five months since the date of the previous document.

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kept in severaltie for the profett of the common chambre, that is to say, that the ouners and tenaunts and farmours agree therfore by payng a yerlie rent hereafter to the said Common Chambre as the sayd Lorde Mayer and his Chamberleyns shall think best for the moste profet and avauntage of the Common Chambre.

fo. 3. **Refusal to take the oath to the Mayor.**
The Archbishop's fishgarth.

Friday before St. Michael the Archangel. 30 Henry VIII (1538). *Present*—John North, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the pledge and playte of Maister Symson, Alderman, shalbe furthwith prasyd to thentent that fyve pownds shalbe levyed therof for a fyne and amercyament for suche trespacs and offencs as the sayd Maister Symson comytted and dyd laitely to the sayd Mayer for that that he would not be sworne to the sayd Mayer to assyst, ayde, cowncell and mayntene the same Mayer in his offyce of mairaltye.

(*fo.* 3a). Agreyd that Maister Dogeson and Maister Heckylton, Aldermen, shall ryde within xv dayes next to the lorde Archebusshop of Yorke to Caywod to knowe his grace ys pleasour as towchyng the reformacon of his fisshgarthez within the water of Owse, forsomyche as his grace dyd send worde gentilly and honourably to the said Mayer and his Bredern that he is content to refourme the same fisshgarthez furthwith as the said Mayer and his Bredern shall thynk resonable and indifferent accordyng to equyte and justyce.

Agreyd that the perambulacon of this City shalbe riddyn on thursday next to come and Maister Recorder to have a letter to be here at that day.

Agreyd that no yrnbownd waynez shall carry no dong owte of this (City) with the drawght of any maner frome Migelmes unto Saynt Ellynmas uppon payne of iiij^{d}.

fo. 4. **The Earl of Cumberland's fishgarth.**

To the right honourable and oure singuler good lorde the Erle of Comberland be this delyvered.

Ryght honourable and oure synguler good lorde, this is to advertyse your good lordship that of layte the Mayer, Recorder and his bredern Aldermen of this Citye of Yorke accordyng to the Kyng is moste honourable commisyon as justycs of sewers went up the water of Owse towards the water of Humbre to view and se that the sayd water of Owse shuld be clere frome almanner of noysauncs as stayks, pyles, weres, fishegarthes and other noysauncs; and uppon oure viewe wee perceyvyd then that your sayd lordship haithe three werez callyd fyshegarthes fixed and standyng

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within the sayd water of Owse to the noysaunc and let of passage of shyppes, keyllys and other vessels daily passyng up and doune the sayd water of Owse. And by force of the same commissyon wee have auctoryte for to present and extract all suche noysauncs into the Kyngis courte of his Eschequyer and for every noysaunce so presentyd the party offendyng to forfet to the use of the Kings highnes c marks; not withstondyng for suche fayvours, zeale and luf as wee bere unto your lordeship wee wold be sory to present your said lordeshyp into the sayd Eschequyer yf so be that you have a good and a lawfull tytle to fix, uphold and mayntene your sayd fyshegarthes, wherefore wee wold be glad that yt wold please your lordship to advertyse us by some of your lernyd Cowncell here at the City of Yorke of Weddensday next after the feast of Saynt Symond and Jude by ix of the clok of your ryght and title concernyng your sayd fyshegarthez, accordynge as other honourable and worshypful men doyth, that wee may doe therin as equyte and justyce shall apperteyn; and thus almighty Jesu preserve your good lordshyp to his pleasour.

Frome the sayd Citye of York under the seyll of offyce of the mairaltye of the same the xxij day of October.

By your oune assured at all tymes, John North, Mayer of the City of York and his bredern Aldermen of the same.

fo. 4b. **Reply of the Earl of Cumberland.**

To my Lord Mayer of York and his Brederen this.

My verey good lord in right harty wise I recommend me unto you, advertisyng the same that this present day I haf receyved your letter and for your lovyng advertysement gyven therin I hartely do thank you. Abeyt where you do writt that I haif three fyshegarthez fyxed oppon Owse, noyens to the passage of shipps and other vessells goyng to and fro upon the sayd waters, verely hytherto I never knew no suche; assuryng you my mynde and pleasoure is no tenaunte of myne ne none other in my nayme shall mayntene any were or fyshegarth ther contrary the Kyngs grace commissyon, for in case that of ryght by vertue of graunte or otherwyse I myght justifie the same, yit neverheles I wold rather be content to relynqwyshe beyng noyans and prejudicyall to the Citye whose commune wealthe and utilite I esteyme above any suche matier as knoweth Jesus who preserve you.

From my castell at Skipton this xxiij day of October.

by your lovyng friend

Henry Comberland.

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fo. 5. **Letters to and from the Archbishop.**

To the moste reverende Father in God and our speciall good lorde the Lorde Archebusshope his graice of York be thys delyvered. Most reverent Father in God and our speciall good lorde this is to advertyse your grayce that I and my brethern, Aldermen of York, and our Recorder assembled our selfes in our Counsell Chamber this thirty day of October to certefye one extracte unto the Kyngis courte of Exhequyer of suche weres and fisshegarthes as stonds in the watter of Owse to the noysaunce; and when too of our seid Brethern was laitly with your graice and appon the view of your weres and fishegarthes dyd taike an order with your Cowncell as thay did enforme us, wherfore we wold be glad to knowe by your writyng at this tyme your Grace is hole pleasure whether your Graice will stande to the same ordre or no, and to contynew the same ordre frome nowfurth, for accordyng to your aunswer therin we entende to certefye our synguler good lorde the Lorde Chaunceler of Englande accordyng to the request of his letter; and thus Almyghty God preserve your seyd Graice to his pleasure; frome the Citie of Yorke under the seale of the offyce of the Maraltie of the same, the last day of October.

All youres to doo your Graice pleasure the Mair and his brethern, Aldermen of York.

fo. 5.

To my Lord Mayor of Yorke and to his brothern, Aldermen of the same.

My Lord Mayoure, I thanke you hertelye and all your Brothern for your gentill advertisement that you nowe entende to send up aunswer to my Lorde Chaunceloure, and wheir you desyre to knowe my mynde whidre I woll stande to thordre takyn betwene certayn of your Brodern sent frome yow and my officers, you shall understand that I woll in all thyngs stonde to the same and for performaunce therof I have all redy caused to be doone all that may be done the watter beyng so highe; and when it is lower I promysse you the rest shalbe done and frome hensfurthe I entende that all my fishegarthes shalbe so ordered that I trust you shall in them not fynde any defaulte. And if I may in any thyng doo pleasure for you and for that Citie you (*fo.* 5*b*) shall well knowe that I woll not forget your gentylnes. And thus hertelye fare you well, frome Cawod the last day of October 1538.

Your loveng freend. Edwarde Ebor.

fo. 6. **Warning to destroy fishgarths.**

30 October 30 Henry VIII (1538). *Present*—John North, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, and 9 others.

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It was fuly agreyd by the sayd presens and especially by the Kyng is grace commissyoners of sewers of the water of Owse, Humbre, Ayre, Don, Darwent and Wharf in the Cowntie of York and in the Cowntye of Lincoln that the heyres and land holders of . . .[1] Aynger, gent, shall powle ther fyshegarths stondyng in the water of Owse a littyll frome Wharff mowthe before the feast of the Nativyte of our Lorde God next commyng, or ells the occupyers to be presentyd into the Kyngs Courts of Exhequyer before the feast of the Purificacon of our Lady next to come.[2]

It ys also agreyd that Herre Faux, swerdberer to my sayd Lorde Mayer, shall ryde to morowe to Caywod with a letter to the Lorde Archebusshop of York as concernyng his grace full aunswere for all his fishegarthes that he haithe stondyng in the sayd water of Owse to thentent that the said Lord Mayer, his Brederin and Recorder may mayke ther aunswere to the Lorde Chaunceler of Englond accordingly.

fo. 6b. **Fishgarths to be certified.**

4 November 30 Henry VIII (1538). *Present*—John North, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Maister William Tankerd, Recorder of this Citye, shall ryde up to London on Weddinsday next for to certifye and present in to the Kyngs Courte of Exhequyer certen werez and fysshegarthes stondyng in water of Owse to the noysaunce, that is to say, one armyd and bowndon fisshe garth of the reverent fader in God, Lorde Busshop of Duresme, stondyng in the sayd water of Owse at Skelton toune end in the Countye of Yorke, xi spacs callyd rowmes, nowe in the holdyng of Robert Poole, Robert Smyth, Robert Haddilsay, William Howden, Hew Smert, John Smert, John Stevynson, yonger, Smert wydoo and Robert Freman of Skelton afforesaid, fysshers.

(*fo.* 7) Item a lyke were or fyshgarth of xij spacs callyd rowmes of the sayd Lorde Busshop stondyng forenenst Saltmerche in the sayd Cowntie and in the sayd water of Owse nowe in the holdyng of Robert Belwood, Robert Stamper, John Bynks of Saltmerche, fyshhers, *per* informacon Thomas Goodyer, fishemonger.

Item a lyke were or fyshgarth of the sayd Busshop of x spacs callyd rowmes forenenst Saltmerche afforesayd now in the holdyng of Robert Broune, Nycholes Kirkby, Antony Kirkby, William Chapman and one . . .[3] Carter of Saltmerche afforesayd, fysshers, *per* informacon Thomas Goodyere, fysshmonger.

[1] Blank.

[2] A similar order taken against "Maister Aklom, esquyer" for an illegal fishgarth in the Ouse.

[3] Blank.

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Item a lyke were or fysshe garth of the sayd Lorde Busshop of fyve spacs callyd rowmes within the water of Owse at a certen place callyd Yawfleteboyth nowe in the holdyng of John Collyn dwellyng at Boyth in the parish of Howden, fyssher.

Wheruppon it ys farther agreyd that the sayd Maister Recorder shall have for hys costs and expenses of the Common Chambre iij^{s} iiij^{d} of the day, fe onely for the costs of hym and his too servaunts. And all suche money as the said Maister Recorder shall dysburse farther for the common matters of the sayd City to have a resonable allowance therof as hathe been accustomyd in tymes past.

(*fo.* 7b) Item as towchyng the award that was made by Maister Spelman and Maister James, the Kyngs justics of assyse as towchyng Busshopfeylds.

Item the matter in travers in the Kings courte of Exhequyer as towchyng the fee and annuyte of ix^{li} v^{s} by yere that the Lorde Percy hadde for the terme of his lyff for dischargyng of Maister Hydwen and Maister Swan, layte Shiryffs of this Citye.

fo. 9. **Fishgarths of honourable and worshipfull men.**

Friday, 8 November 30 Henry VIII (1538). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that where Lorde Archebusshop of York, the Erle of Comberland, Sir Marmaduc Constabyle, thelder, of Everyngham, knyght, and other honourable and worshypfull men have laitely heretofore takyn an order for the takyng up of ther weres, gores and fyshegarthez stondyng in the water Owse and some of them hayth an order for the reformacon of the noysaunce of the sayd fyshegarthez and other some ar bowndon by severall obligacons in great sommes of money clerely to powle up ther fyshegarthez and not to set nor levy any mo fyshegarthez uppon payne of forfaitour of the penalytes of the said obligacons to the Kyngs use; uppon whiche consideracon yt is fully agreyd feremly hereafter to be observyd and kept that the successours of the sayd Lorde Mayer hereafter beyng Mayres of this City shall yerely viewe all the weres, gorez and fishegarthez stondyng in the sayd watter of Owse, Humbre in other placs the weyk next before orells next after Rogacon weyk.

fo. 10b. **Non-citizens may sell woollen cloth. No hawkers.**

15 November 30 Henry VIII (1538). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that for somych as ther was a act made in the tyme of John Hogeson, Mayor, that no straunger shuld retaile wollone cloth in the Thursday market to no straungers, wherin it is perceyved by thes presens at this tyme it is no common wele and

therfore it is agreyd that all straungers shall come on the market day as was accustomyd afore that act made and so to have fre libertye to retayle as wele to straungers as to cytyzens

Also it is agreyd that none shuld goe on awkyng abowte the Citye with none wollen cloth but onely to sell it in the Thursday markett.

fo. 13b.

Letter from the Duke of Norfolk.
Rent of the King's Bow.

13 December 30 Henry VIII (1538). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Maister John Shadlok came and delyvered to my Lorde Mayer a letter frome the Duke of Northfolk is grace.

Item it ys agreyd that the Lorde of Northfolk is grace shall be advertysed of oure aunswere to the sayd letter by the advyse and councell of Maister Recorder of this Citye.

(*fo.* 14) Item forsomoche as Maister Dayson, Maister Hogeson, Maister Gayle and Maister Dogeson, iiij Aldermen of this City, by the commaundment of the sayd Lorde Mayer and his Brederin, have payd the first yere rent of the Kyngs bowe to the Common Chambre; and where as they were lettyd and disturbyd by John Lewes and Peter Ledayle, laite Shiriffs of this City, in the occupacon therof to ther damage, whiche matter was in suyte before the Kyngs honourable Cowncell in thez partiez, it is agreyd that the sayd Maister Dayson etc shall have allowyd them iiij^{s} parcell of ther sayd rent for the damage that they dyd susteyn by the sayd laite Shiryffs.

fo. 15.

A Fine partly remitted.
Answer to the Duke of Norfolk.

Monday before Christmas Day 30 Henry VIII (1538). *Present*—John North, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Nycholes Ratclyff, one of the gentylmen to the right honourable Cowncell in the North parties, came before the sayd presens and instauncyd the sayd presens in the nayme of the sayd Lorde Precydent, his lorde and Master, to be good and favourable to Mastres Symson, wydoo, as towchynge her fyne of vli, wherefore her playte lyes in pledge in this Common Chambre; and at the speciall request of the sayd Lorde Precydent Maister Robert Bower, esquyer, and Maister Yodall, esquyer, secretery, the sayd presens ar fully agreyd to abayte and remyt iij^{li}

(*fo.* 15b). Item it ys agreyd that ther shalbe one aunswere maid by the advyce of the Recorder unto the lettre of the ryght honourable Lorde of Norfolk is grace the tenor wherof hereafter ensuyth.[1]

[1] No letter is here inserted.

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(*fo.* 17) Agreyd that my Lorde Mayer shall appoynt one to ryde to London of the common cost with the aunswere that ys devysed by Maister Tankerd, Recorder, unto the letter of the ryght honorable Duke of Northfolk ys grace.

fo. 17b. **Chamberlain to make good stolen money.**

The Cordwainers.

Friday before the Feast of the Epiphany. 30 Henry VIII. *Present*—John North, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the sex Chamberleyns shalbe chargyd with the money that was stowlne owte of ther awmere of Ousebryg, savyng that they shall pay but onely vj^{s} viij^{d} for the brokyn and evyll money[1] that Wilfryde Pynder delyvered to them wheche was xij^{s} that was gevyn in almes to the sikfolks this yere.

Agreyd that the occupacon of the cordyners of this City shall have the serche of blak tannyd leddr and also of reyd ledder accordyng to the Act (*fo.* 18) of Parlyament.

A new Alderman.

24 January 30 Henry VIII (1538-9).

This present day my Lorde Mayer of the Citie of Yorke accompayned with dyvers of the Aldermen of the same have promysed and been agreyd before my Lorde Presydent and Counsaill that John Shadlok shalbe admittyd in to the roume of a Alderman of the same Citye in the playce of Rauff Symson, disseasyd, accordyng to suche order and decre as the ryght honorable Lorde the Duke of Norfolk, beyng lait lieutenaune unto the Kyngs Majestye in thies North partyes, toke with the Mayer, Aldermen then beyng, for the admissyon of this same John Shadlok in to the said rowme at suche tyme as Robert Elwald and William Dogeson were restoryd to the said roume of Aldermen.

fo. 21b. **Letter from the Earl of Rutland and reply.**

To the ryght worshipfull and my lovyng freynds my Lorde Mayer of Yorke and his Bretherin of the same

In my hartye wyse I have me recommendyd unto yow; where as by endenture uppon a sufficyent cause me movyng I have grauntyd unto my lovyng cousyn and frende Robert Tyrwhit, esquyer, an annuytie of twenty pownds by yere, parcell of the annuell rent of fourtye pownds, whiche I and my heyres muste have of you accordyng to theffect of the Act of Parlyament thereof made, the writyngs of covenaunts indented thereof made I doo send unto you to the whiche I have mayde yow partye for thassuraunce of the payment of this said twenty pounds to the said

[1] "Evyll money"; evil in the old sense as being defective, inferior, bad.

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Robert Tyrwhit, as more playnly to yow by the same endentures it may appere, I shall desyre and hartely pray you for the accomplishment of the same covenaunts that ye woll se all and delyver the endentures that be of your part to be sealed and delyvered and to send agayn thes too parts that yow seall and to retayn for your assuraunce the thyrde parte of the same indentures sealed with my seall and the seall of the said Robert Tyrwhit whiche done and accomplisshed accordingly shalbe to yow no hyndraunce in no condycon but always ys suffycient allowance for the seid twenty pounds to me and to my heires duryng the tyme of the seid covenaunts; and in your thus doyng ye shall not onely minyster unto me right thankfull pleasure but also have me semblably to requyte your kyndnes the best I can accordyngly, as knowyth our Lorde who have yow in his blissyd tuycon. Writtyn at London the xiij day of December.

Your lovyng frend, Thomas Rutland.

fo. 22.

To the ryght honorable and oure good Lorde the Erle of Rutland be this delyvered.

Ryght honorable and our good Lorde our dutye remembryd in our full humbly maner wee commaund us unto your god lordeshyp; please it the same to knowe that for so much as wee ar bowndon by Act of Parlyament to pay unto your said lordeshyp and to your heyres for ever one yerely annuytie of xl^{li} at too tymes in the yere as by the said Act it doyth playnly appere, that notwithstandyng wee ar well content to pay xx^{li} unto the said Maister Tyrwhit yerely by your assygnement so that we may have a sufficyent acquytaunce therfore of your said lordeshyp, but wee besuche your said lordeshyp not to be displeasyd with us for that we can not agree to make too bonds for payment of the sayd annuytie; and thus our Lord God preserve your said lordshyp in honour long to contynue.

Frome the City of Yorke under the seall of offyce of the mayraltie the xxx day of January

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fo. 3. **A riot at the last riding of the City Boundaries.**

7 March 31 Henry VIII (1538-9). *Present*—William Dodgson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Maister Recorder and the Common Clerk of thys City shall ryde to morowe to meyt the Kyngs justics of Assyse and in the nayme of the sayd presens to tayke ther advyses in dyverse

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affayres and common busynes of the sayd City and specially concernyng the indytments of ryot ageynst layte Mayer, dyverse of his brederin Aldermen and Commons of the City at suche tyme as the sayd layte Mayer and other above namyd rode the bounds of the sayd City the last yere and to gyf the sayd Justics for ther advyses vj ayngell nobles of gold.

fo. 4. **The Goods of one who committed suicide.**

Wednesday, 5th week in Lent 31 Henry VIII (1539). *Present*—William Dodgson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Yt was resonyd and debatyd at lengh what goods that Kateren Dawson, wydoe, layte wyff of and one of the executrix of the testament and last wylle of Thomas Dawson, merchaunt, her laite husbond, dyd forfet to the Kyng our sovereign lorde by reason that the sayd Kateren of layte and of a devyllisshe mynde and entent dyd laitly wilfully and felonsly slay and murder herself, whiche goods and chattells of the sayd Thomas Dawson in the hole dothe amounte to ....[1]

Furst it ys agreyd that the childerin of the sayd Thomas Dawson shall have ther childeren portons therof accordyng to good concyens whos portons therof amowntyth unto ....[1]

Item the parte of the sayd Kateren and also all suche goods and cattells as the sayd Thomas her layte husbond bequethyd her and the goods of her chambre, apperell and jewells, whiche mens wiffs of this City clamys by the custome of this City to have after the deyth of ther husbands shall remayne to the Kyng and this City accordyng to the auncyent precydens of the sayd City, provyded alweys that my Lorde Mayer shall tayke an indifferent order with Thomas Strynger of Malton an other executour of the sayd testament for the payment of the detts of the sayd Thomas Dawson so that this City shall in no wyse be distreyned by the sayd Strynger.

Agreyd that Maister Hogeson, Alderman, shall have a lesse of a littyll mote callyd the scarlet pyt.[2]

Agreyd that my Lorde Mayer shall lett the tolle and also the lodge of Thursday (market) to some honest man or men bothe for the common profet and quyetnes of this City.

fo. 6. **Fishgarths to be certified.**

5 April 31 Henry VIII (1539). *Present*—William Dodgson, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

[1] Blank.

[2] "The scarlet pyt." In an Ouse Bridge Roll for 1472 mention is made of the moat between Fishergate Bar and the Postern "near the "skarlet pit."

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Inprimis one were and fysshegarth of too rowmes callyd spacs and ij skarrez stondyng within the water of Ouse at a place callyd Turneheyd nowe in the holdyng of Robert Fletcher and William Reyd, yonger, of Rykhalle, fysshers.

(*fo.* 6b) Item a lyke were and fysshgarth of too rowmes and one skarre within the sayd water of Ouse above a certen place callyd Langzayke belongyng to Marmaduc Constable.

Item a lyke were and fysshgarth callyd a bowndon garth with great tymbre of xx rowmes stondyng within the water of Humbre callyd Brownefleytgarth belongyng to Maister Thomas Magnus, clerk, Maister of the hospitalle of Saynt Leonards of York.

(*fo.* 7) Item a were or fysshegarth of one rowme callyd a space with a skarre stondyng in the sayd water of Ouse at a place callyd North Rugar a littyll frome Wharf mowthe belongyng to Rauff Aynger, gentylman.

(*fo.* 7b) Agreyd that Cristofer Conyers, merchaunt (and 3 others) shall (have) a leese of a certen closse callyd saynt George closse with the sandbed and the grownd newly won.

fo. 9b. **An undesirable tenant.**

16 June 32 Henry VIII (1539). *Present*—William Dodgson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreid that Henry Faux, esquyer at swerd to my said Lord Mair, shuld avoyd[1] one Margaret Bean frome his land in Connyngstreyt within vij days next commyng uppon payn of xl^{s}.

Agreid that if it happyn any proces to be brought against the said Mair aither in the tyme of his mairaltie or afterward at the suytt of the said Margaret or her husbond or any other by ther procurement that then all suche suytt to be defendyd on the common cost of this City.

fo. 11. **Ordinances of the Pewterers.**

22 August 32 Henry VIII (1539). Certayne artycles agreyd by my Lorde and his Brederin with the consent of the hole occupacon of the pewederers of this City.

Furst that no pewderer of this City frome nowfurth shall cast no vessell but onely of good and fyne mettell and every suche pewderer before that any of them frome hensfurth shall cast ther vessell within this City or suburbes of the same shall mayke the sersours and wardens of that craft prevey to the sayd castyng to thentent that the sayd vessell shall be good and laufull uppon payne to forfett for every defawte hereafter c^{s} to be paid to the Common Chambre of this City and the occupacon by evyn porcons.

[1] "Avoyd"; to remove.

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Item that every of the sayd pewderers shall sett hys mark of all suche vessell as they shall cast hereafter and to have a cownterpayne therof to remayne in the said Common Chambre uppon (pain) of every of them that lack suche a marke and doyth not mark ther vessell therwyth before that they putt them to sayle (11b) to forfet therfore iij^{s} iiij^{d}

And every of the sayd occupacon to have a proper mark before the feast of the Nativyte of our Lady next to come upon payne of xl^{s} Item it is agreyd that if the sersours of the sayd occupacon for the tyme beyng or ther laufull deputy expert in that craft doe refuse and come not to the castyng of vessell of every of the sayd pewderers and to se that they be castyn with good and fyne mettall accordyng to the Kyngs acts of auncyent ordynauncs of the sayd City that the sayd sersour to forfet for every suche defawte xl^{s} provyded alweys that every pewderer shall gyf unto ther sersor resonable warnyng before that any of them shall cast any vessell upoon payne of forfettyng of xl^{s}

(*fo.* 12) Item that the sersours of the sayd craft shall tayke suche direccon and order that every of the same craft shalbe servyd with the moylds indifferently dewyng ther dewty therfore uppon payne of forfettyng xl^{s}, provyded alweys that the sayd sersours shalnot be bownden by this Act to delyver the sayd moylde to any of the said occupacon before that the offenders hayth payd the fynes for every of the sayd offencs before rehercyd and declared.

And for suche defawts and trespacs as Jamys Symson of this City, pewderer, hathe laitely mayde concernyng the sayd craft in castyng of vessell with fals mettall as yt ys presentyd before my said Lorde Mayer and his Chamberleyns by the othes of Richard Bordryg and Cristofer Colyer, pewderers and sersors of the sayd craft, bothe for that trespas and all other offencs towchyng the sayd craft the sayd Jamys personally came before the sayd presens and lowly submyt hymselff to abyde and to fullfyll the order of my sayd Lorde Mayer and his Bredern, hye and lowe, and to pay all suche fyne therfore as my sayd Lord Mayer and hys Bredern shall juge hym at any tyme hereafter; uppon whose submissyon my sayd Lord Mayer by the advyse of hys sayd Bredern is content that the Chamberleyns shall delyver and restore to the sayd Jamys ageyn that untrue and fals mettall that was laitely seasyd by the sayd sersours.[1]

fo. 13. **Parish representatives to appear before the King's Commission.**

1 September 32 Henry VIII (1539). *Present*—William Dodgson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

[1] For ordinances of the pewterers in 1416 see *York Memorandum Book*, vol. I, pp. 211-214.

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The sayd presens hathe appoynted fowre of the moste substancyall, honest and discreyt persons of every parisshe personally to appere before my Lorde Archebusshop of York, my Lorde Precydent of the Kyngs Cowncell of the North partys and my Lorde Mayer of York beyng the Kyngs Commissyon the thursday next after the Nativyte of our Ladie next to come in the Guyld halle then and ther to doe and execute every thyng that of the behalf of our said sovereign Lordd shalbe unto them movyd, declared and commawndyd.

fo. 14. **Communication with the Archbishop.**

Procedure for citizens who have to pay tolls.

6 October 32 Henry VIII (1539). *Present*—William Dodgson, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 10 of the xxiv.

Mem. to speyk with Jamys Fox concernyng a *Quo warranto.*

Mem. that Maister Newton ryde to my Lorde Archebusshop to Cawod to spiek with hym for dyvers causes concernyng this City whiche my Lorde Mair shall enfourme hym.

Item it is agreyd that some fraunchest man of this City that haith any maner of toll takyn of his goods or cattells within any market from within this realme shall borrowe the same agayn by replevy and after to remuve the same to London by *certiorari* and his costs that so doyth to be born of the Common Chambre of this City and in the meantyme to taike tolle within this (City) of them that takis tolle of any of this City in other plaics.

fo. 15. **Insulting words spoken against my lord Mayor.**

Monday 18 October 32 Henry VIII (1539). *Present*—William Dodgson, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

William Hutchonson, couper, Richard Sheperd, fletcher, and John Dykson, baker, was severally called before the said presens and my Lorde Maier laid unto ther charge dyvers misdemeanours whiche thay commytted yesterday before my said Lord Maier in his owne house bothe to his lordeship and also to Maister Hogeson, Alderman, in speaking of dyvers and many light and slaunderous words, the said Dikson saying to the said Maier that he might be mair no longer then Candylmes and then he wolde be evyn with hym, and moreover said that he did wrong to graunt the Kings peace against hym; and the foresaid Hutchonson and Sheperd said that they wold not be orderid nor ruelid by the said Lorde Mair but said that my Lorde Mair had done them wrong to graunt the King's peace against them at suytt of Henry Story; and the said Hutchonson, Sheperd and Dikson maliciously and obprobriously said to the said Maister Hogeson in the presens of my said Lorde Maier that was a berer and mayntainer of the said Story against all the parishioners of ther paryshe; (*fo.* 15b) for whiche mis-

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demeanour to the boldnes and evyll example of like light persons therefore it is agreyd that the said Dykson shall remayn in my Lorde Maier is prison viij dais and viij nyghts unles that it pleas my said Lorde Maier uppon ther lowly submissyon of pity and of his discresson to delyver them furth. Also it is agreid that the said Hutchonson and Sheperd shall also remayn in the said prison iij dais and iij nyghts and further to be punisshid at the discrecon of my said Lorde Maier.

fo. 20. **More Fishgarths.**

11 January 32 Henry VIII (1539-40). *Present*—William Dodgson, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs; 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that suche noysauncs that shalbe presentyd into the Kyngs Courte of Exhequyer by my said Lorde Mayer, the Recorder and his Bredern at the last viewe shalbe folowed appon with effect into so moche that ther shalbe a solicytour appoynted for that purpos.

Hereafter folowyth the weres and fysshegarthes that shalbe presentyd thys next Hillary terme.

Inprimis a were or fysshegarthe of one rowme callyd a space with a skarre stondyng in the water of Ouse at a certen place callyd Weylhalle occupyed by William Reyd of Rykhalle, fyssher.

Item a great were and bownden fysshegarth of sex rowmes callyd spacs in the said water of Ouse at a certen place callyd Russome and occupyed by John Pryorman of Rusham in the County of York, fyssher, and William Disfurth.

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fo. 1b. **York and Ainsty soldiers.**

10 March 32 Henry VIII (1539-40).

The copy of the certificat presentyd to my Lorde Precydent and to other of the Kyng is grace moste honorable Cowncell establisshed in the North partys concernyng suche men of warre as this City with the wapentake of the Aynsty annexed to the same hathe been accustomyd to fynd in tymes past.

The City of York with the wapentak of the Aynsty annexed to the same ar redy to set furth one hundred men with hors and harnes defensably arrayed for the warre when yt shall please the Kyngs Majesty to commaund them, whereof ther shalbe lx bylmen and fourty bowmen.

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fo. 2. **Collecting the King's tax. York soldiers. Common Clerk restored to his Office.**

11 March 32 Henry VIII (1539-40). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

My Lorde Mayer delyverd to Maister Hogeson and Maister Dogeson, Commissyoners of our sovereign Lorde the Kyng, concernyng the quindecym and decyme grauntyd to our said sovereign Lorde by act of Parliament within this City of York and wapentak of the Aynsty, the extreats for the colleccon and levyng of the furst payment of the Kyngs tax within the said placs.

Item the said Mayer apon the certificat made to my Lorde Precydent and hys fellos of the Kyngs grace moste honorable Cowncell in the North concernyng the C men of warre which this City and the wapentak of the Aynsty hathe been accustomed to fynde our said sovereign Lorde, the effect of whiche certificat ys that this City with the sayd wapentak grauntyth to lx bylmen and xl bowmen in a redynes defensably arrayed for the warre to serve our sayd sovereyn Lorde when yt shall please his Grace is majesty to commaund us for the perfourmaunce of the said certificat with effect. Theruppon my sayd Lorde Maier haythe delyverd unto his Bredern beyng Justics of peace and wardens of every warde and . . .[1] said City and also the said Shirifs severall writyngs of remembraunce of . . . within the Cowntie of the said Citye; also the certaynte and [k]nowing that every parish . . . hathe been accustomyd and chargyd to fynde in tyme of warre and . . . that commaundyd the said Justics and wardens in the King our sovereign lorde . . . charge all men with ther rewle to provyde them for hors and harnes after . . . according to the Kings act of Parliament.

(*fo.* 2b) And moreover my said Lorde Maier hathe chargyd and enjoyned the said Justics of peace and wardens and also the said Maister Shiryffs to have in a redynes the sayd C men accordyng to the sayd certificat and the same men to be fully furnisshed with hors and harnes within viii dayes next not makyng any opyn musters but onely in privey and discreyt maner.

Item it is agreid that Maister Newton shalbe restored to his office of Common Clerkship of this Citie with all such profetts and other articles as was graunted to hym by this house before the commocion tyme.

fo. 3. **Story of a safe-conduct.**

12 March, 32 Henry VIII (1540-1).

Martyn Balkesk, burges of Edinburgh in Scotland, of the aige of xxxviij yeres or therabouts examined before my Lorde Mayer of this City of York sayth that of thursday at nyght last

[1] Many words here are illegible.

past he sayd to hys gyste William Copeland of York gave copy this sayffeconduct to Henry Durham of hys cost and forther he sayth that the true dayte of the Kyngs lettres patent of the sayd sayffconduct was xxxj and whereas the same lettres patents now beryth dayt *tricesimo secundo* therof he sayth is fals.

Moreover he sayth that he lent the sayd sayffconduct to a fraunceman whos nayme he knowys not and to on John Stewerd, scotsman, dwellyng in Fraunce uppon x weyks ago or ther abowts to thentent that the sayd fraunceman and stewerd myght passe frely thrugh this realme of England whych sayff conduct thay sent agayn to hym to London to Davy his servaunt.

fo. 4. **Soldiers of York. Present to the Earl of Cumberland.**

22 March 32 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 1 of the xxiv.

My Lorde Mayer recevyd a byll by the hands of the sayd Maister Heckylton[1] concernyng the men that ar appoynted to serve the Kyng is Majesty in hys warres for Mikellythward whensoever that they shalbe commaundyd.

Item whereas my Lorde Maiour by the advyse of Maister Recorder and the Common Clerk sent to the ryght honorable Erle of Comberland for the worshyp of this City a present of marmellado, cyvelle fyggs, too boxes of bysketts and earowers, too barrells of grene gynger and sukkett and also a pottell of wyne sek, j galon whyte wyne, a pottell of clared wyne; whiche present was thankfully takyn by the sayd Erle, givyng great thanks to my Lorde Maier and hys Bredern therfore. Wherefore it ys agreyd that the sayd present shalbe allowyd of the common charge whiche amowntyth unto . . .[2]

(*fo.* 4b to 7b) The naymes of lx men of armes within the said City defensyble arrayd for the warre as yt is reportyd to my said Lorde by Maister Wardeyns of every ward within the said City and now beyng in compleyt redynes at all poynts as welle in hors as in harnes to serve our Sovereign lorde the Kyng, wheresoever he shall pleas his majestie to commaund.

fo. 8. **Sureties for the Chamberlains.**

24 March 32 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

It was reasonyd and debaytyd for a precydent hereafter for ever to contynue for the profett of the Common Chambre of

[1] Heckylton is one of the Aldermen named as present at this meeting.

[2] Blank in MS. The present consisted of marmelade, i.e., a preserve made of boiled fruit and sugar, figs from Seville, biscuits and carroways, green ginger and succade, i.e., fruit preserved in sugar, candied or in syrup, a pottle, i.e., 4 pints of sack, a gallon of white wine, 4 pints of claret.

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the sayd City and to the entent that the Chamberleyns offyce shalbe ordred for the common profett of this City. And theruppon it ys agreyd fermely hereafter to be observyd and kept that all the Chamberleyns that nowe ar and ther successours frome nowfurth shall fynd sufficyent suretys to doe all thyngs wele and truely that belongs and apperteynes to the offyce of Chamberleynshyp of this City, that is to say, in payng for hippyng of the rowmes of moremastership and brygmastershyp accordyng to the statuts and ordinauncs of the sayd City, for kepyng of the money that be.ongs to the sayd Common Chambre and also for makyng of a true accompt of all suche sommes of money as shall come to ther hands by vertue of ther offyce of Chamberleyn accordyng to auncyent custome of the said City, provyded alweys at that Chamberleyns that hereafter shall happyn to offend in the said offyce in withdrawynge of any of the common money of the sayd City, that for all such offencs the Chamberleyns so chaunsyng hereafter to offend to mayke aunswere and amends therfore at the syght of the said Lorde Mayer for tyme beyng and . . .[1] for the surety and sayffgard of all money, playte and jewells belongyng to the sayd Common Chambre and accordyng to thys act of agrement the Chamberleyns of this City have put in suertys as hereafter folowyth every Chamberleyn severally by hymselff.

fo. 10. **Expenses of the Recorder and Town Clerk.**

New gates for the Crane Yard.

7 April 32 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Master Tankerd, Recorder of this City, and Myles Newton, Common Clerk, shall ryde up to London so that they be ther tres semayns prox. to mayk aunswere for this City as touchyng the *quo warranto* brought ageynst the Mayer and Comminaltye of this City in the Kyngs bynche; and the sayd Master to have allowance for hym and one servaunt for every day ij^{s} iiij^{d} as Master Whitfeld and Master Dogeson, Aldermen, hathe hadde in tymes past in the common suts of the sayd [City]. Also it ys agreyd that Myles Newton shall have lyke allowance of ij^{s} iiij^{d} by day for the costs and chargs of hym and hys servaunt as he haythe hadde in tymez past. And the Chamberleyns to delyver them of the common money before ther goyng towards ther oun costs, and also . . .[2] towards the chargs of the lernyd Cowncell.

Item yt ys agreyd that the Chamberleyns shall cause a payre of new yats to be made at the common crayne of this City and also other necessary reparacons for the sayff custody and kepyng of all leyds that hereafter shall come to the sayd crane, and for

[1] Illegible.
[2] Blank in MS.

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dyverse consideracons movyng the sayd presens at thys tyme and especially for that yt chaunses nowe to be iiij great pecs of leyd cont. too fooders of leyd of wydoe Jakson to be nowe wantyng and laitely withdrawne owte of the sayd crayne to the great slaunder of this hole City. Moreover yt ys agreyd that the sayd William Gylmyn, weymaster of the sayd crayne and his successours, shall acquyte and sayf harmeles the Lorde Mayer of this City for the tyme beyng in all thyngs concernyng the offyce of weymaster. Farthermore yt is agreyd that the sayd William (*fo.* 10b) Gilmyn shall tayk the common dewtye of this City for weeiyng and strikyng of every mans leyd frome now furth immediatly after that the sayd leyd shalbe strikyn, and theruppon the sayd Gilmyn and hys successours for to mayke and declare a true accompt from hensfurth quarterly to the Lorde Mayer and Chamberleyns of this City for tyme beyng at suche tyme as the said Lorde Mayer is fee and the fees of the common offycers ar accustomyd to be paid. And after suche accompt mayde and declared the sayd William Gilmyn to mayke payment quarterly to the sayd Chamberleyns for weiyng and strikyng of leyd and also for windyng and strikyng of all other merchaundysez. And also the said Gilmyn and his successours shall delyver and leyf in the sayd Cowncell Chambre a book quarterly of all leyd and of all other merchaundysez that shalbe weyed, strekyn within the sayd crane.

fo. 11. **Lost Keys replaced.**

25 April 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

William Newsom of York, loksmyth, in thys presens oppinyd the chyst ther as the common seale of the sayd City liyth and also the rownde box wheren the sayd seyll hathe been kept accustomably by cawse that the kay that my Lorde Mayer shuld have hadde delyvered to hym when that he entryd to hys offyce and also the kay that Maister Dayson, Alderman, hadde, and the kay that the eldest Chamberleyn shuld have hadde was wantyng and lost.

My said Lorde Mayer hathe nowe a kay of the casket ther as the said common seale noew liyth.

Item Maister Hogeson, Alderman, haith another.

Item Jamys Harryngton another.

Item Robert Man hathe another.

fo. 12. **The journey to London of the Recorder and Town Clerk.**

27 April 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that whereas laitely heretofore yt was concludyd that Maister Recorder and the Common Clerk shuld ryde to

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London thys Eyster terme to aunswere unto the *quo warranto* towchyng the libertys of this City, the sayd presens agreyth that the sayd Maister Recorder shall have v^li^ towards hys owne costs and the sayd Common Clerk other v^li^ towards hys owne costs and also v^li^ to pay for lernyd councell. And if that the sayd Maister Recorder cannot be in a redynes to ryde to London on weddensday come a sennet that then the sayd Common Clerk and his servaunt to ryde to London abowte the sayd busynes and that the Chamberleyns of thys City shall provyde one hamlyng geldyng and all other necessary thyngs meyt for the sayf and sure caryage of dyverse graunts and charters that the Kyng is grace most noble progenitours grauntyd to the said City and nowe ar confermyd by hys grace concernyng dyverse lybertyes of this City, and one indenture to be maid uppon the delyvere of the sayd chartres.

Item John Pennyngton at thys Courte personally came before the said presens and showyd the Kyngs commisyon for taikyng of artifyecers and werkmen to the Kyngs towne and castell of Carlell.

fo. 13. **Passages in Trinity Churchyard Goodramgate.**

Stallage.

6 May 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

It was reasonyd emongs the said presens how that a payn was laid at the warde moote Court holdyn before the wardeyns of Monkward concernyng the enclosyng of ij little layns in Trinyte Churcheyerd in Godramgate, whiche thyng to be done was thought not to be convenyent for dyvers causes, where thrugh an examynacon or due profe therof was had thorough whome this payn shuld come.

(*fo.* 13b) Item yt is agreyd that forsomuch as Myles Cook, merchaunt, and Robert Dounal, curieour, beyng churchwardeyns of the sayd parysh Church in Godromgate was commaundyd by my said Lord Mayer uppon payn of xl^s^ to lye opyn the said laynes agayn within a certen space by the said Lorde Maier to them lymyttyd, which to doe they refusyd and denyed contrary the commaundment of the said Lorde Maier; which thyng was thought by the said presens to be a hygh falt in breakyng of the commaundment of the said Lord Maier contrary ther fraunchest othes; therfore yt was agreyd that the sayd Myles Cook and Robert Dounell shall content and pay the said xl^s^ and to lye opon the sayd layns agayn to the use of the Common Chambre and if thay refuys so to do then yt is agreyd that thay shall remayn in prison unto suche tyme as thay willyngly woll do the same.

Agreyd that all stallagers[1] within this City shalbe discharged and no mo hereafter to be stallegid and whoso as here-

[1] Stallagers. Those who pay a toll for the right of setting up a stall.

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after taikes uppon them to occupye contrary a commaundment to them given and therof be laufully presentid and provyd to forfett. xl[d].

fo. 14. **Monk Ward Moot Court. Time of Council Meetings.**

7 May 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 2 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that John Scryvener, Wylfrid Pyne, Thomas Bacon and Thomas Strynger shall remayn in pryson at commaundement of my said Lorde Mayer so long as he shall thynk meyt and convenyent, in example for that that thay unlaufully tuyk uppon them to lay certen paynes without assent of ther felloos beyng of the jury at the warde moot Courte holdyn within Monkward the xxiiij day of Apryll in the yere abovesaid.

Agreyd that all cowncell bookes belongyng to this City shalbe laid in the cowncell Chamber in suche convenyent plaice as the said presence shall agree uppon.

(*fo.* 14b) Agreyd that as concernyng the warnyng and apperaunce of the councell of thys City that hereafter warnyng shall be given to them to assemble at viij of the clok afore noon and to appeyre at ix of the clok at fardest uppon payn of every one makyng defalt therof havyng no reasonable excuse to leas and forfett therfore iiij[d] *tocicus quociens*[1]

Letter to the Lord Chancellor.

To the right honourable and the syngular good lord the Lorde Chaunceler of England.

Ryght honourable and our synguler good Lord in our most herty maner we commaund us unto your good lordship, and like so thank you for all the payns and laufull favour that you have showyd at many tymes for the preferment of the common welle of this poor City of York wher thrugh we asserten your said Lordshyp that our Common Chambre of the said City is in good and prosperous caise at thys day besuchyng your said Lordshyp to contynue good lorde onnto us in all our affayres and busynes concerning the common welle of this said City. Forthermore signyfyng your said Lordship that we have sent you by your olde servaunt, this berer, a poore tokyn accordyng to oure boundon dueties, and your said Lordship shalbe always assuryd of our daily prayers, as knowyth our lord God, who long contynue your good Lordship in honour. Frome the City of Yorke under the seall of offyce of the Mairaltie of the same, the xij day of May.

By your humble beydmen the Mayer and his brederyn Aldermen of this City of York.

[1] In 1490 Council Meetings were held at 10a.m. *York Civic Records*, vol. II, p. 54.

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fo. 14b. **Instructions for the business in London.**

Present—Robert Hall, Mayor and 5 Aldermen.[1]

Privey to the said letter and also privey to the delyvery of all chartres and confirmacons delyvered the day and yere abovesaid; and also privey to the v^{li} in gold sent to the Lord Chaunceler for a tokyn with the letter abovesaid.

A letter of attorney made in the nayme of the Mair and Sheriffs of this City to Jamys Harryngton and Myles Newton sollycitours to London to make aunswer to on certen *quo warranto*[2]

(*fo.* 16) Instrucons to London geven to Jamys Harryngton and to Myles Newton, attourneys and sollycytours for the Mayer and Sheriffs of the City of York.

First to appeyr and maik aunswer to the wrytt of *quo warranto.*

Item to remembre how that stueryes er certefyed and ordryd above.[3]

Item to remember how that alyens er ordryd above.

Item to show, declare and impleyd our chartre of confirmacon under the duchy sealle in the duchy chambre for the dischargyng of the Citisins of York for payment of tolls at Leds and other plaics.

Item to bryng suytt agaynst the bailley of Leds and his deputy in the Common Plaic for wrongfull takyng of distressys of dyvers Citysins.

Item to delyver one extreat of iij fyshgarthes, tyme of the Maraltie of Maister Dogeson.

Item to opteyn all maner of brasyn measurs with the crownyd H. owt of the tower of London.

Item to opteyn a crownyd H. of iron for sealing of busshells and other measures.

fo. 17. **Walls of the City to be repaired. The Red Tower.**

20 May 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the moor maisters of this City shall immediatly work all such reparacons of the walles of this City as shalbe thought needful by my said lorde Maier and the said moore-maisters; to lye down the money for the charge therof of ther owne proper costs and chargs providyd alweys that the said moore-maisters that now er and ther successours shall repay no more for arrerage but xx^{li} in the hole, that is to say, every of them x^{li} a pece and not above. And the residue of the charge whatsoever that be made

[1] This seems to have been a meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen immediately following the meeting of the Council on May 7.

[2] The Letter of Attorney in Latin follows.

[3] Above, i.e., in London. The word "above" is frequently used with that meaning.

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by reason of the reparacon of the walles of this City to be paid owte of the Common Chambre of this City at the day accustomyd.

Agreyd that the brig maisters of Fossebryg that now er shall immedyatly go and see the tower callid the Reyd Tower and to make reparacon therof where that it doyth stand neyd.[1]

fo. 18. **Complaint by Goodramgate parishioners.**

27 May 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreid that my lorde Mayer shuld send for all the parysshyenors of the Trinytie parish in Goderomgaite, whos naymes er conteinyd in a certen byll of complaynt made by the said parisshioners to my lorde Precydent and other of the Kyng is moste honourable Cowncell establisshied in the North parts to knowe perfytly ther aunswers therin whether they wolle abyde by the said byll of complaynt—yea or no—and afterward to taike suche order therin as shalbe thought good by my lord Mayer and said presens.

fo. 20. **Corpus Christi Procession.**

4 June 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that every one of the Aldermen, Sheryffs and xxiiij of this City shall have ther torche borne before the processon on the morow next after Corpus Christi day uppon payn of every one of them that doyth the contrary to forfett unto the Common Chambre vj^{s} viij^{d} to be paid at the next assembles of the Cowncell after the procession.

Item yt is agreyd that Maister Jamys Fox shall have for hys payns takyng abowte this City busynes at London concernyng the *quo warranto* broght agaynst the said Mair and Sheryffs of this City for the liberties of the same City xx^{s} reward.

fo. 21. **Town Clerk brings back City Charters.**

10 June 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 of the xxiv.

Myles Newton, Common Clerk of thys City, brought into the said Chambre and then and ther delyvered to the said Lorde Mayer in the said presens fyve chartres and graunts under the great seale of Englond, whiche was delyverd to the said Myles at suche tyme as he was solicytour for this City concernyng the layt suyt that was betweyn the right honourable Erle of Rutland and this City for a great parte of the fee farme of the same City. One chartre and lettres patents of Ric III^{de}. Item another chartre and

[1] The Red Tower still marks the termination of the City Walls to the north of Walmgate Bar.

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lettres patents of Henry VIIth. Item a chartre and lettres patents of E. iij^{de} concernyng the restitucon agayne of the libertyes of this City. Item *Carta Henrici tertii de confirmacione et de non intromittendo infra civitatem.* Item *carta restitueionis libertatum civitatis Ebor. anno Regis Henrici IV. septimi.* Wherefore yt is agreyd that the sayd Myles frome now furth shalbe clerely acquyted and dischargyd of the delyvere of the sayd chartres and lettres patents ageynst the Mayer and Comminaltie of the sayd City and ther successours for ever more.

fo. 23. **Report of specially appointed Auditors.**

29 June 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Maister Hogeson, Maister North, Maister Holme and Maister Robynson, fower of the Aldermen of this said City; Crystofer Conyers, William Harper, Thomas Cravyn, Robert Elden and John Dobson, audytours appoyntyd in the Common Hall by the lorde Mayer of the said City, his Brederyn and all the Commonalty of the same on Saynt Maury day (xxxii Henry VIII) to examyn and fully determyn the accompt of Antony Atkyrk and hys fellos, laite Chamberleyns of the said City as also the too accompts of the brygmaisters of the said City tyme of the Maraltie of Maister Dogeson for the common welle and profett of the said City dyd fully determyn ther said audyt and also made certen requests for the common welle of the said City to my lorde Mayer and his Bredern as here after apperyth.

Furst the said audytours judgs that John Thornton and Jeffrey Foddergyll, laite brig maisters of Ouse brig, shall furthwith content and pay to the Common Chambre the rent and farme of a certen mote withowt Mikkellyth Barr now in the holdyng of John Skayffe uppon payn of forfettyng to the said Common Chambre vj^{s} viij^{d}

(*fo.* 23b) Item the said audytours judgs that Maister Dogeson shall restore furthwith to the said Chambre a dymysyn[1] of sylver and double gylt laite Kateren Dawsons, beyng a parcell of the common goods of the said City, which remayns in his custody soo that the Commons may have ther ryght therin.

Item the said audytours judgs that the said Chamberleyns shall within xv days next bryng in an inventory of the partyculers of the goods that was sold to Thomas Strynger of Malton because they dyd charge them in groc wherthrugh thay doe thynk that the said Common Chamber is dampnifyed therby to the some of iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}; and here uppon the said Antony Atkyrk and his fellow laite Chamberleyns of the said City came personally before the said presens and said that the partyculers of the goods that

[1] A dymysyn; a bequest.

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was sold to the said Strynger came never to ther hands nor was not sold by them but the mony that thay had ther fore to the Chambre use which was iij^{li} xv^{s} iiij^{d} was paid unto them in a groc somme by the said Maister Shadlok and for certen consideracons the said presens movyng thay have judgid and demyd the said Maister Dogeson to bryng into the said Common Chambre an inventory of the artycles of the goods that the said Strynger had at suche reasonable tyme as my lorde Mayer shall appoynt and commaund.

(*fo.* 24) Item the said presens by the concent and agrement of the said audytours doe judge that the said Maister Dogeson shall restore agayn to the said Common Chambre for certen rewards given to barwards and straunge mynstrells[1] in the tyme of his Mairalte of the common goods of thys City against the auncyent custome and usage of the said City; whereuppon it is now fully concludyd agrieyd and determynid by the said presens that no Mayre hereafter shall commaund the Chamberleyns of this City for the tyme beyng to pay or disburs any of the common money to no barwards nor straunge mynstrells except it be to the Kyngs mynstrells, the Queyn is grace mynstrells, the lorde Prynce is grace mynstrells and players uppon payn of forfettyng to the said Common Chambre by every Mayre that hereafter shall offend therein and doe the contrary to forfett for every suche defalte v^{li} to be takyn and allowyd of the Mayrs fee.

Item it is agreyd by the said presens at the especiall requests of the said audytours that no forreiners hereafter shalbe stallagyd by the Chamberleyns of the said City for the tyme beyng and what Chamberleyn as hereafter doyth the contrary to forfett for every defalte . . .[2] to be levyd of ther goods to thuse of the said City.

(*fo.* 24a) Agreyd at the requests of the said audytours that the Chamberleyns of this City that now ar nor their successours frome hensfurth shall have no dynners nor drynkyns allowyd of the common cost at the pastures driveyng nor at the serch of baykers and innholders

Item it is agreyd at the requests of the said audytours that no bulles be slayn within this City before thay be baityd uppon payn of vj^{s} viij^{d} to be paid to the Common Chamber of this City by the owners thereof.

Item where that Maister Dogeson said when that he was Mayer to hys Bredyren that he had improvyd within the tyme of his Mairaltie the ferme of Thursday Market xvs by yere more then yt gaff in tymes past and the said audytours uppon the exhamuna-

[1] In the earliest Chamberlains Book of Accounts, for 1446, about £150 in our money was paid out as rewards for minstrells who visited York. There were over 70 visits that year.

[2] Illegible.

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con of the said accompt fynds no such improvement therfore yt is agreyd at the requests and desyre of the said audytours that the said fermehold shalbe lettyn to the moste advauntage for the profett of the said Chamber frome now furth.

(*fo.* 25) Item yt is agreyd that all keylls belongyng to thys City shall delyver no straunge goods betweyn the said City and Wharff mowth but onely at the common crayn and within this City for thrugh the delyvery therof at Acastre and other forrene plaics the duetyes belongyng (*fo.* 25) to the said Common Chambre bothe by craynage and lastage and passage hayth been greatly mynisshyd and lost; uppon payn of xx^{s}

Item it is agreyd that the clerk of the common crayn shall maik accompt and payment fower tymes in the yere frome now furth.

Item it is agreyd by thadvyse of the said audytours to have a watter bailley for kepyng of the ryver of Ouse in every condycon and he to have a reasonable fee therfore and the said watter bailley to have a lease of ryngage, lastage and passage of all forren goods and also the custody of all the motes of the said City soo that no fower footyd cattle frome now furth shall go of the said mote contrary to auncyent ordynaunce of thys City.

(*fo.* 25b) Item yt is agreyd at the requests and desyre of the said audytours that an order shalbe takyn for the brewster fynes and also for the amercyaments of the wardemoot Courts that thay may be levyed for the common profett.

fo. 26b. **Preparations for the visit of the King and Queen to York.**

1 July 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the Chamberleyns of thys City shall delyver xx^{li} to by at London too goodly cupps of goold and sylver and of the best facons to present the Kyngs majestie and the Quenez grace with.

(*fo.* 27) Item by agrement of the sayd presens gevyn in almes to Sir Robert Tomlinson, preest, xiij^{s} iiij^{d} for dyverse consyderaconz movyng the said presens.

Provicion devysyd by the said presens against the commyng of the Kyngs majestie and the Queyns.

Monkward.

Certen articles of agrement by my lorde Mair and his Brethern to be put in execucon by the Wardeyns of the said ward against the commyng of the Kyngs majestie to this said City.

Furst that all valiaunt beggers be avoidyd the City and subberbis and all other beggers to be walkyng . . .[1] the strets.

[1] Illegible.

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Item that the said wardeyns shall calle the constables of every parishe within the said ward before them to thentent that the strets may be well paved and made cleyn and to amove and avoide away befor the comming of the Kyngs said majestie all cloggs,[1] dunghills, ramell and all other thyngs lying ther to the noisaunce and that every inhabitaunt shall provyde for gravell and sand to lye before ther doors uppon suche reasonable monycon and warnyng as shalbe given (*fo.* 27b) them by the said wardeyns and constables before the commyng of the Kyngs said majesty and that all dunghylls lyng in other plaics within and aboute the said City to the noysaunce to be avoidyd uppon such payn as the saide wardeyns shall lay for the same to be done.

Item that the said wardeyns shall certefye to my lorde Mayre in writyng within viij days after the delyvery hereof of what store of bedds and honest loodgyngs er within the said ward and to cause all common inns and loodgyngs to be cleyn dyght; and what store of hay, oyts and vyttells that the said inholders woll promes to have in a redynes agaynst the commyng of the Kyngs said majestie.

Item that the said wardeyns shall cause all the howsyng of the barre of the said ward to be cleyn dyght and to be watched with honest persons every nyght accordyng to the Kyngs acts and statuts made in that behalf

(*fo.* 28) Item that the said wardeyns shall commaund and see that the common hynde of the said warde shall gyve sufficyent warnyng to all the inhabitaunts of the same to avoide all the kye, sheyp and swyne owte of all the Kyngs strets within the said warde three days before the commyng of the Kyngs majestie and to kepe them so avoidyd unto too days next after that his grace shalbe departid owt of the said City uppon payn of every man that maikes [defalt] therein to forfett therfor to the Common Chambre of the said City iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

And that the said wardeyns faille not but to put the premisses in due execucon before the commyng of the Kyng is said majesty unto the said City as thay wolle aunswer for at ther uttermost perylls.

Mem. that the true coppys of thies articles er delyvered to the wardeyns of every ward to put the same in due execucon as is abovesaid.

fo. 29. **Manner of royal reception considered.**

6 July 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv

The said presens hadde communicacon and resonyd at large howe and after [what] maner that myght best (*sic*) receyve the

[1] Cloggs; blocks of wood outside shops on which the shopkeeper sat.

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Kyng is grace majestie for the worship of this City and to the contentacon and pleasour of his grace consideryng that it is the furst tyme of his grace is commyng to the said City to the great comforth and joye of the said presense and to all the hole Comminaltie of this City; and for the good expedicon and settyng furth of this busynes as it shall beseme accordyng to the mooste bownden duetys of the said presens theruppon they have serchyd dyverse precydence of the first commyng of dyverse of the Kyngs mooste noble progenytours to the said City and howe and after what maner that they were receyvyd and at what placs by the predecessours of my said lorde Mayer and his Brederin, Common Counsaill and the hole Comminaltie of the said City. Uppon whiche serche ther was fowndon a good presydent fowndon of the reign of kyng Henry the vijth,[1] whos sowle God pardon, and what present was geven to his Grace at that tyme. Also they fownd an other precydent of the receivyng Kyng Ric.[2] the iij^{d} and of .....[3] his spowse, when and where they were recevyd and what present was geven unto them at ther furst commyng to this City. Appon this communicacon it ys fully agreyd and concludyd that the sayd Maister Recorder, Maister Hogeson, Maister Gayle, too of the said Aldermen and Myles Newton, Common Clerk of this City, shall tayke ther hors and in the nayme of my said lorde Maier and his said Bredern to ryde to Cowton to the most reverend fader in God Edward lorde Archebusshop of York tomorow and (*fo.* 29b) ther to desyer his Grace for to gif them his best counsaill in recevyng of the Kyngs majestie and of the moste excellent and gracous lady the Quenes grace.

fo. 30. **Further Preparations.**

8 July 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

My lorde Mayer by the advyce of the said presens sent for Thomas Flemyng, Andra . . .[4], joyners, and William Emondson, paynter, for the makyng of a scaffald with other conveynyncs at Mikellyth barre ageynst the commyng of the Kyngs highnes to this City. And theruppon they hadde delyvered unto them a copy of an olde precydent of the furst commyng of Kyng Henry the viith to this City, whos soul God pardon. And hereuppon the said Flemyng, Andra and Emondson desyres that they may have a communicacon with ther occupacons and to have ther advyse therin and after that done they have promysed the said presens to gyf them aunswere shortly.

[1] Account of the reception of Henry VII will be found in *York Civic Records,* vol. I, pp. 155-159.

[2] *York Civic Records,* vol. I, pp. 77, 78.

[3] Blank.

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Item the said Maister Hogeson, Maister Gayle and the said Common Clerk showed to the said presens the sayng and advyce of the said lorde Archebusshop as touchyng the receivyng of the Kyngs majesty.

(*fo.* 30b) Item the Chamberleyns shall cause the Kyngs streyt to be pavyd of the common cost, that is to say the mydward cawsey onely betwixt the gutters.

Item it ys agreyd that the comon bylman of this City shall goe abowte the City to gif warnyng to all men that they shall cast no fylthe into the water of Ouse nor to have no fowre fowtyd cattell of the common moots.

(*fo.* 30) The monycion given by the common belman.

My lorde Maier of this City by thadvyce of all my maisters his brederyn Aldermen, Sheriffs and others of the Counsaill of the said City gyffs playne monycion and warnyng unto all the inhabitaunts of this City that none of them from hensfurth shall cast any maner of ramell, swepyngs of howses, dong nor other fylth or vyle thyngs into the watter of Ouse to the noisaunce uppon payne of lesyng and forfettyng therfor vj^{s} viij^{d} as often tymes as thay or any of them ar takyn with any suche defalte herafter according to the auncyent statut and ordynaunce of the said City.

And that non of the said inhabitaunts put ne suffer no fower footyd cattell to go of any of the common motts of the said City from hensfurth uppon payn of forfettyng for every suche iiij^{d} as oftentymes as thay or any of them er takyn with any suche defalte hereafter to be paid accordyng to the said ordynauncs without any remission or forgyffnes.

And that no keilman of thys City hereafter shall delyver any foreign goods or merchaundises at any foren plaic but onely at the common crayn of the said City or ells within the bownds of the City uppon payn of forfettyng for every such defalt xxs to be paid according to the statuts and ordynauncs of the said City.

Also that all the said inhabitaunts shall cause all cloggs, dunghylls and all other vyle thyngs lying within the Kyngs streyts of this City or suburbes of the same to be removed and had away as shortly as is possible; and over that that thay shall cause the same streyts to be suffycently paved and kept cleyn accordyng to the said ordynauncs uppon payn of every man that makes defalt therin to forfett therfore xx^{s} to be paid to the Common Chamber of the said City without any forgyffnes.

fo. 31b. **Water bailiff elected. His duties.**

no date.

Where as yt is agreyd by my lorde Mayer and his Bredereyn that frome hensfurth ther shalbe a watter bailley for the common profett of this City, theruppon it is also agreyd what thyngs that

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he shall have to performe to levye and receive the common dueties which in tymes past hath been little regardyd to the great dammage of the Common Chambre of this City. And forther it is devysed by my said lord Maier and his Brederyn what thyngs that he shalbe charged to do daily for the common profett of the said City by vertue of his office of water bailleyship.

Furst it is agreid that the watter bailley shall present all thos that doyth cast any ramell, swepyng of howses or gardynes, dung or any other thyngs or thyng into the watter of Owse; and whosoever hereafter doyth cast any such thyngs or thyng into the said watter shall pay vj^{s} viij^{d}, whereof the said watter bailley shall have the one moyte and the other moyt to be paid to the use of the Common Chambre.

(*fo.* 32) Item it is agreyd that the said watter bailley shall have the purvey and auctoritye to present all thos persons or person that hereafter doyth put any fower footid cattell on the motes belongyng to the said City.

The said watter bailley shalbe at the commaundment of my lorde Maire for to go down of the common cost to survey, see and present the defalts of all werez, gores and fyshgarthes stonding as welle within the said watter of Ouse as in any other plaics or plaice within the lymyts and bounds comprised within the Kyngs commysion, wherin my lorde Maier, Maister Recorder of this City and his brederen Aldermen er the Kyngs justics of pece within the countie of the City of York, the countie of York and the countie Lynco[ln].

(*fo.* 32b) Item yt is agreyd that ther shalbe a bote and a common ferye beneyth the common crayn and the said watter bailley to have the profett therof.

Item all corne prasyd to sell by my lorde Maier at the common stayth to be mesuryd with a rolle[1].

Item it ys agreyd that the said watter bailley shalbe sworne yerely in the Common Halle on Saynt Blays day welle and truely to occupy his offyce lyke as the common officers.

fo. 33.

Deputation to the Duke of Norfolk.
Dress for the Royal Visit.

6 July 23 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Maister North and too of the Aldermen and Maister Shadlok shall ryde to meyte my lorde of Norffolk is grace at Lyncolne or ther abouts with a letter dyrectyd to his said grace from my lord Mayer and the said presens informyng hym by the said lettre in what case and povertie that this City is now in not beyng so able to present the Kyng is majestie in his commyng to

[1] Rolle.

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this City as hath been heretofore; nevertheles to certifie his Grace that we wold be right glad to present his excellent majestie with all ther hart to ther power desyryng his said grace of his advyce therin and that it wolde please his grace to know of the Kyng is said majestie what plaice of the said City to thentent that my said lorde Maier and Comminaltie of this City may provyde for . . . to ther powers with all diligence and for this to know . . . how that his majestie is received at the City of Lyncoln to bryng word therof, provyded alwey that if it fortune the said Maister Shadlok to be troubled and vexyd in the . . .[1] other wise so that he may not endure to . . .[1] Maister Bean, another of the said presens shall journey in his plaice of the said Maister Shadlok with Maister North.

(*fo.* 33b) Item it is agreyd that my said lorde Mayor shall call the Commonaltie of this City befor hym on friday next to cause them to provyde them as many as ar able to be all in one lyverey as nye as thay may against the commyng of the Kyng for the worship and honestie of the same City.

Item it is agreyd and by ther assents thay ar fully concludyd to[2] the Kings said majestie on his commyng to this City all in one colour, that is to say, the Mayer, Aldermen, Recorder and xxiiij in vyolet.

Item yt is agreyd that my lorde Mayer, Maister Recorder and every of the Aldermen and xxiiij shall provyde every on for a vyolet gown against the Kyngs majesties commyng for the worship of this City and that every one of the said Aldermen and xxiiij to bryng ther money therfore to the Common Halle on friday next at the assemble of the Comminaltie.

fo. 34. **The Commons are pleased with the arrangements for the Royal Visit. Report on the business in London.**

— July 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Counsaille Chambre within the Common Halle my said lorde Mayer declaryd to the commons of this City then being present in the said Common Halle howe that the Kyngs majestie wolde shortly come to this City and showyd also to them what he and the said presens wolde devyse agaynst his Grace is commyng of the common coste, wherewith they were marvelous welle content, wherthrugh my lorde Mayer by the advise of the said presens called certen joyners and paynters of this City and commaundyd them immedyatly to tack ther counsaill and devyse togydder to maike a show at Mikellyth barr where that the Kyngs said majestie was supposyd to entre, and so they promysyd to doe.

[1] The paper is rubbed at the edge and the writing illegible.

[2] "Meyt" crossed out. "be present" written above the line also crossed out.

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Item the said Lord Mair dyd then and ther declare to the said Comminaltie how that Jamys Harryngton; one of the Chamberleyns and Myles Newton, Common Clerk, lait sollycitours for this City had sped at London concernyng a *quo warranto* brought against the Mayer and Sheriffs of this said City for certen libertyes belongyng to the same City and how that the said sollicytours thrugh ther dilygence maide at London in showyng many and dyvers good charters and graunts made to this City by the Kyngs grace and hys most noble progenytours the said City was therof clerely acquyted and discharged for ever.

fo. 36. **Shows, singing and melody.**

15 July 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Rauff Clayton, clerke, shall devyse the speches that shalbe spokyn at the entre of the Kyngs majestie at Mikkelyth barre and the said Sir Rauff to be honestly contentyd for his labour.

Item Henry Smyth, clerke of Saynt William Chappell of Ousebrig came personally before the said presens and promisyd to maik a showe of syngyng and other mellody after the best facon as he could devyse on the leyds of the said chappell.

Item yt is agreyd that the merchaunts paijaunt shalbe sett at Ousegate end as the Kyngs majestie shall go into Connyngstreyt and therin to be another showe with melody as may be devysyd therin to be had.

Item yt is agreyd that another show shalbe at the far end of Conyngstreyt besyd the Common Hall yaits to be made with syngyng and mellody as is above said in such paijaunt as shalbe thought most meyt and convenyent therfor.

Item yt is agreid that the Chamberleyns shall content and pay of the common cost all the . . .[1] and labourers both for stuff and labor to be had abowt the said showys.

(*fo.* 36b) Item yt is agreyd that Maister Heckylton, Maister Bean and Maister Robynson, iij of the said presens, shall se that Mikkellyth Barr be welle ordryd and trymmyd and oversee the workmen ther wyrkyng.

fo. 37b. **The Duke of Norfolk's advice to be asked.**

18 July 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Maister North, Alderman, and Myles Newton, Common Clerk, shall ryde to the lorde of Norfolk is grace with a letter fro my said lorde Maier and his Brederen consideryng that

[1] Illegible.

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his grace ys specyall good lorde to this City for to tayke his advyce howe and after what maner shalbe best for the sayd presens to receyve the Kyngs majesty and also the Quenez grace at ther commyng to thys City. Whereuppon ther ys certen articlez delyvered for instruccons to the said Maister North and Myles Newton and that Maister Chamberleyns shall provyde one horse to the said Common Clerk and an other hors for hys servaunt.

fo. 38b. **The tasks of the Chamberlains.**

19 July 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Jamys Harryngton and Jeffrey Wylliamson, too of the Chamberleyns, or the one of them, accordyng to ther offyce and othe shall daily attend of the carpenters, paynters, laborers and of all other workmen within the Common Halle of this City, makyng and devisyng of towres, tyrretts, battylments of tymbre and canves, also goodly faynes with the Kyngs armes, the Quenes armes and Prynce grace armes and with the armes of the City and other proper conceytts to be made and devysed after the best maner at Mikellyth Barre ageynst the commyng of the Kyngs highnes and the Quenes grace to thys City and specially consideryng that it ys the furst tyme of ther commyng to the said City. And the said Chamberleyns to delyver unto the sayd workmen almaner of stuf necessarye for that busynes and to mayke a book of ther expenses of all parcells and to accompt weikly.

(*fo.* 39) Item it ys ordred that Antony Eden, John Hargyll and William Herryson, iij of the Chamberleyns, or one of them, shall likewyse attend and survey the workmen at Mickellyth Barre and to accompt weikly as is beforesayd.

Item it ys determined that John Bellesthorp and Rychard Clydero, other too Chamberleyns, or the one of them, shall likewyse attend and survey the workmen in the sayd busynes at Walmegate Barre and to mayke accompt weikly as ys afforesaid.[1]

Item my sayd lorde Mayer agreythe to charge all hys sayde Chamberleyns with the sayde workes, and yt is farther agreyd that whiche of the sayd Chamberleyns as shall happen to offend hereafter in any thyng contrary to thys agrement to forfett for every defawte iij^{s} iiij^{d}

And it ys farther concludyd that the wardens of all the wards shall at convenyent tymes survey the sayd works and for to present the defawts of the sayd Chamberleyns in the premyssez; and over this that the sayd wardens (*fo.* 39b) shall so provyde that the strets within this City and suburbes shalbe mayde cleyn and gravell and sand to be layd in the sayd strets ageynst the commyng of the Kyngs highnes and of the Quenes grace. And

[1] Other Chamberlains to survey the work at Bootham Bar.

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besyds that the sayd wardens so to provyde with effect that no beggers shall goe abrode within this City so longe as it shall please the Kyngs majestiye to contynue here as they wolle aunswere fore at ther perylls.

And over that it ys agreyd that the sayd wardens shall provyde money and vytell to be gatheryd to releyff all poore people inhabityng within this City and suburbes so long as the Kyngs highnes shall contynue and abyde here and unto suche tyme that his grace be departyd.[1]

fo. 41. **The bakers. The Sword and Cap of Maintenance. Ale and beggars.**

3 August 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Maister Wardens of all the wards shal mayke due serche what store of wheyt and beyns the common bakers and all other persons that usys to bayke to selle hathe nowe in a redynes ageynst the commyng of the Kyngs majestie and of the Quene ys grace and to mayke true reporte therof to my sayd lorde Mayer before monday next ensuyng. And the sersours of the bakers to attend of them.

Item that the great mace to be newe giltyd and the hatt of mayntenaunce of new cremesyn velvyt.

Item the gret sworde to be newly refresshyd.

Item all olde pentesys[2] to be amendyd or ells to be powlyd doune.

Item all inholders and typlers to have a laufull ayle pottell at a quarte pott and a pynte pott of pewter to thentent that the Kyngs sugetts may have true messure accordyng.

Item that no beggers from nowfurth goe of beggyng, but suche as shalbe admytted and to have badgs and with masters of the beggers of every warde and to begg but onely of sonday and friday and the master begger to be present.

fo. 43. **Growing anxiety of the City Council. Archbishop's advice asked for.**

9 August 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor; William Tancred Recorder; and 12 others.

Agreyd that the said Maister Recorder shall ryde to Bolton to my lord Archebusshop to desyr his Grace of his best advyce and cownsell how and after what maner they shuld submytt themselfs to the Kyngs hyghgnes at the comyng of his majestie to this City and whether they, the said presens, in the nayme of the hole

[1] There were meetings of the Council on the 20th and 27th of July, the names of those attending are given but there is no entry of proceedings.

[2] Pentesys; pent-houses.

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body of this City shuld confess themselfs giltie in any thing done in the tyme of the lait rebellyon against the Kyngs majestie according as the Lyncolnshyer men have done at the comyng of the Kyngs majestie thider, the which submyssion of the said Lyncolnshyer men was red before the said presens.

fo. 43*b*. **Deputation to the President and Council in the North. Various payments.**

12 August 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Maister North, Alderman, and Myles Newton, Common Clerk, showed ther messege by worde fro the ryght honourable lorde of Norfolk his grace with the circumstaunces of hys sayd grace advyce in the recevyng of the Kyngs majestie. Whereuppon yt is concludyd that the sayd Maister Recorder, Maister North and the said Common Clerk shall attend and goe with my said lorde Mayer to the ryght honourable lord Precydent and Counsaill at too of the clok at after nowne of this present day to knowe ther best advycez and pleasour not onely in receivyng of the Kyngs hyghnes and also of the Quenes grace but also to have ther lyke advyses for levyng of a part of the Kyngs present bothe within this City and the wapentyk of the Aynsty over and besyd that part that the Common Clerk [hath] toward the present.

(*fo.* 44) Item it ys agreyd that the crowne of iiij^{s} viij^{d} gevyn in reward to the players of the ryght honourable Erle of Sussex shalbe allowed of the Common Chambre.

Item the sayd Maister North and Common Clerk ar allowed for ther expencis in ridyng to the said lord of Norfolk his grace for them too and ther too servaunts iiij^{s} viij^{d} betweyn them beyng furth in that journey vii dayes.

Item paid to the armet[1] of the Kyngs Maynour at York for drawyng of the platt of the sanctuary ix^{s} which is agreyd to be paid of the said Common Chambre.

fo. 45. **Raising of money to make presents to the King and Queen.**

13 August 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd to mayke levy of the inhabitaunts of this City of all suche money as shalbe employed towards the present both of the Kyngs majestye and of the Quenes grace for ther welcom to this his grace City, whyche present ys not onely levyed and payd after the rayte of the Kyngs subsidy, laitly grauntyd by act of

[1] Armet; hermit.

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Parliament, accordyng to the furst payment therof, savyng onely that childeryns porcons ar not contributory to the same, but also dyverse substancyall persons of this City of ther oune good wylles and by the mocyon of the sayd wardens was content to be contributory to the sayd present.

fo. 46. **Preparations for the Royal Visit. Cattle and pigs to be moved. Streets to be gravelled. Four head beggars.**

17 August 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that all the inhabitaunts of this City and suburbes shall avoyde all ther keyne and swyne owte of this City before friday at nyght next and so to kepe them avoyde owte of the sayd City unto suche tyme that the Kings majeste and the Quenes grace and ther moste honourable retynewe be departyed frome the sayd City.

Agreyd that every inhabitaunt and churche wardens shall lay good plenty of gravell and sand within the strets besyd ther doore ageynst the commyng of the Kyngs highnes.

Agreyd that from hensfurth watche shalbe kept at every Barre of this City with fower honest and discreyt persons to be hablyd by the wardens of every ward.

Moreover it ys agreyd that the Chamberleyns shall provyde and bye a pece of cloth and to cawse iiij gownes to be maid furthwith for the master beggers of the iiij wards and to have the cognisaunce of this City on ther slevys and to were the gownes daily so long as the Kyngs highnes and his graces moste worshipful courte shall contynue here and the sayde iiij master beggers to provyde good plenty of birchyne rods and so to execute ther offyce after the best maner that can be devised.

fo. 48b. **Road Repairs.**
Presents for the Earls of Sussex and of Rutland.

27 August 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 11 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 2 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the Kyngs hye way without Walmegate barre shalbe sufficiently mayde and amendyd furthwith so that the Kyngs caryages may have full passage withoute any stopp or lett; and my sayd lorde Mayer hathe commaundyd master wardens of the sayd warde to cause the sayd way for to [be] mayde and amendyd accordingly of the common cost of this City.

Item it ys agreyd that the sayd Maister North shall ryde to the ryght honourable Duke of Norfolk his grace.

(*fo.* 49). Item it ys agreyd that the ryght honourable Erle of Sussex, lorde great Chamberleyn, nowe beyng at the Kyngs

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Maynour without the walls of this City abowte the Kyngs affayres and busynes shalbe presentyd with mayne bred to the value . . .[1] wyne . . .[1] and with a fatt pyke.

Item a lyke present to be sent unto the ryght honourable Erle of Rutland.

fo. 49b. **St Anthony's Feast to be held.**
Men of Ainsty to make Submission.

2 September 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 2 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that William Jay. girdler, Mayster of Saynt Antonye, shall keyp the feast this yere accordyng to the auncyent custome.

Item maister wardens of all wards ar enjoined by my lorde to commaund and provyde that no kye shalbe suffred to come within this City that goys of the common pasturez belongyng to this City uppon payne of every inhabitaunt that tayks any kye in to ther housez to forfet therfore vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Item it ys agreyd that my sayd lorde Mayer shall gyf warnyng to the gentylmen of the Wapentyke of the Aynsty to gyf ther attendaunce and to mayke ther submissyon at the commyng of the Kyngs majesty.

(*fo.* 50). Item my sayd lorde Mayer hathe enjoyned and commaundyd the sayd wardens so to provyde that ther shalbe sufficyent and plenty of gravell and sand to be layd in all strets where as the Kyngs highnes shall ryde in or goe as they wolle aunswere at ther perylls and if any person or persons be obstynate therin and refuse or deny to provyde of gravel and sand that the distressys of all suche obstynate persons shalbe takyn by the constables of every parisshe and to be prasyd furthwith to the payment of all suche gravell and sand as shalbe bought and provyded by the same constables by the commandment of my sayd lorde Mayer and the sayd wardens.

fo. 50b. **Men of the Ainsty summoned to a meeting.**

6 September 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that monycon and warnyng shold be given by the bayliffs of the Aynsty to all the gentilmen within the said wapentaik of Aynsty in the Kyng is nayme for to appeyr at the City of York uppon friday next at ix of the clok befor noon uppon Ouse brig then and ther to common, consult and conclude with my lorde Maier and his Brederyn as concernyng certen necessary and urgent causes to be had and done at the metyng of the Kyngs majestie and our and your submission then to be made.

[1] Blanks here.

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Also it is agreyd that three lettres shalbe sent unto Sir William Fayrfax, knyght, Sir Oswald Willestrop, Knyght, and to Maister Robert Stapleton, Esquyer, the tenour whereof hereafter ensuyth.[1]

fo. 52. **Gifts for the King.**

In primis in mayne breyd xiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Maister Shadlok.

Item sex galons fyne ypocras to be made of whyte wyne and clarett. I dossan comfetts. 1 dossan bysketts and caroweys. Maister Hogeson.

Item sex great fat pyks. Maister Heckylton.

Item xij^{li} fyne sucketts. xij^{li} greyn gynger. 1 dossan marmellado. sex loffs[2] fyne sugar. Maister Robynson.

Item a busshell of fyne perys and j busshell fylberts. Maister Gayle.

fo. 35. **Meeting with Representatives of the Ainsty.**

9 September 33 Henry VIII (1541).[3] *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Sir Oswald Wyllesthorp, knight, Thomas Newark, William Thwayts, esquyer, Bryan . . .[4], Arthure Preston, Rychard York, Marmaduc Vavysour, Thomas Vavysour, gentylmen, personally dyd appere and also Robert Stapleton, esquyer, appeyring John Bilie hys servaunt.

Whiche gentylmen of ther oune freewill promisyth and grauntyth for to attend of my lorde Mayer and his Bredern at suche tyme as submissyon shalbe made to the Kyngs grace at hys comyng to this City.

fo. 52b. **The Royal Present.**

13 September (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the Kyngs highnes shalbe presentid with a cupp of gold and lxxxxx^{li} in gold in the said cupp and the Quenes grace to have a like cuppe and xl^{li} therein for the worship of this City.

[1] The letters inform them of Fridays meeting and ask them to be present.

[2] In the *Durham Account Rolls* (Surtees Society) is an item for 1368 of 9 lb. of sugar of Cyprus in one loaf bought at York.

[3] This is out of place in the House Book.

[4] Name illegible.

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fo. 54. **Duke of Norfolk to advise as to how the presents should be given.**

16 September 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Maister Recorder and Miles Newton, Common Clerk, shall goe furthwyth to the ryght honourable lorde of Norfolk, hys grace, for to knowe his grace pleasour towchyng the delyvere of the present gevyn to his Majesty by this City, that is to say, unto the Kyngs highnes a cupp of sylver double gylt with armes of this City and c^{li} in goold put in the sayd cupp and a lyke cupp to the Quenes grace and xl^{li} in goold put in yt, whereof the gentilmen and inhabitaunts of the wapentyk of the Aynsty dyd pay and was contributory to bothe the said presents.

fo. 55. **The Standard Bushel. Rewards to King's servants. Yearly fee for the King's Almoner.**

18 September 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 of the xxiv.

Maister William Ardeyn, Clerk of the Markett of the Kyngs majesty moste honourable household and in all other parts of this the Kyngs royalme of England as wele within libertys as withoute, by vertue of the Kyngs lettres patents and by vertue of hys offyce the sayd Maister Ardeyn hathe hablyd the olde brasyn busshell remanyng within the sayd Chambre for to be an hable standard and for the same purpos he hath cawsyd Frauncis Darragon, loksmyth, to grave a crounyd H. of yt by vertue of hys sayd offyce.

Item the sayd presens desyres of the sayd Maister Ardeyn that the weghtts of the common balens of this City may be made accordyng unto the troy weght.

Item agreyd that the sayd Maister Ardeyn shall take up with hym to London the brasyn busshells and the brasyn galas that Maister Cowper sent doune laitely to thentent that he shall send doune a laufull standard accordyng to the Kyngs acts in that cas provyded.

(*fo.* 55b). Mem. that the rewards to be gevyn unto the Kyngs grace footemen and to the Quenes grace footemen, the harrolds and trumpytours and to other offycers of the Kyngs moste honourable household ys referryd onely unto the discressyon of my said lorde Mayer and Maister Recorder for the worshypp of this City by cause that ther ys no precydens of any suche rewards that was gevyn in tymes past.

Item it is agreyd that Maister . . .[1] Etty, solicytour unto the ryght reverend fader in God . . .[1] Busshop of Rochester, nowe

[1] Blank in MS.

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beyng the Kyngs harminer[1], shall have a yerely fee of ten shillyngs owte of the sayd Common Chambre for certen consyderacons the sayd presens movyng and to be putt furthwith in possession thereof by the payment to hymself nowe beyng here present.

fo. 56. **Fraud of the Carvers. Rewards for royal servants.**

14 October 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

John Flemyng and Richard Grayves, carvers, who tuyk appon them for to mayke and finysshe the showe that was purposyd ageynst the commyng of the Kynges grace and also of the Quenes grace to this City for the honour and worshyp of the sayd City in finisshyng of the sayd showe the sayd John Flemyng and Richard Graves dyd utterly deceyve the Chamberleyns; whereuppon the sayd Chamberleyns hathe commencyd an accon of disceyt ageynst the sayd John Flemyng and Richard Grayves in the Shiryffs Courte.

Item it ys agreyd that my lorde Mayer shalbe disbursyd and paye unto dyverse of the Kyngs offycers and servaunts at the beyng here of the Kyngs majesty and of the Quenes grace for the honour and worshyp of this City as hereafter apperyth.

In primis in reward unto the trumpytour that blew the trump at the tyme of the makyng of the proclamacon for the Kyng in all placs accustomyd within this City—v^{s}

(*fo.* 56b). Item in reward to the Kyngs arrolds xl^{s}
Item in reward to the Kyngs footemen xx^{s}
Item in reward to the Quenes footemen xv^{s}
Item in reward to the Kyngs cop berer vij^{s} vj^{d}
Item in reward to the Kyngs cooks beyng of the blak gard[2] xx^{s}
Item in reward to the Kyngs trumpytour xx^{s}
Item in reward to Maister Ardyen, clerk of the markett, xx^{s}
Item to the offycers of the wyneseller vij^{s} vj^{d}
Item to the offycers of the buttree v^{s}
Summa viij^{ll} ij^{d}

fo. 57. **Account of the King's Visit**

Hereafter apperyth after what maner the most excellent Prynce Henry the viijth by the grace of God Kyng of England and of Fraunce, Lorde of Ireland and in byrth supreme hede of the Churche of England, and also the moste gracyous and vertuouse Quene Kateryn, hys most welbelovyd wyff, was receyved by my sayd Lorde Mayre, hys brederin Aldermen, Maister William Tankerd, Recorder of this City, the xxiiij and a great multytude

[1] Harminer; almoner.
[2] blak gard; the black guard consisted of the lowest menials of the Royal household who had charge of the pots and pans; scullions.

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of the moste discreyt Commoners of this City to the nowmbre of cxx persons, the most parte of them havyng newe gownes of fyne sadde tawny onely for that purpos; and also the moste parte of the worshipfull men and other of the moste honest and discreyt persons dwellyng within the wapentyk of the Aynsty to the nowmbre of lx persons at the crosse of this syde Fulfoord the thursday whiche was the moro next after the feast of the Invencon of the Holy Crosse and the xvth day of Septembre in the xxxiij yere of hys moste gracyous reign, my sayd lorde Mayre, hys Brederin and Maister Recorder stondyng on a rowe and the sayd worshipfull men of the sayd wapentyk of the Aynsty behynd them. And it pleasyd his Highnes to come to my sayd lorde Mayre and theruppon the sayd lorde Mayre and hys Bredern felle doune of their kneys and the sayd Maister Recorder then of his kneys mayde a goodly proposycon of submissyon unto hys Hyghnes as hereafter apperyth *verbatim*

(*fo.* 57b). Most myghty and victoryous Prynce, under Almyghty God suprem heyd of the Churche of Englond, our naturall sovereign, beyng all tymes by the inspiracon of the Holy Goste repleyt with mercy and pity as evidently haith been shewyd by your Grace to your soubjects layt offendours in thies north parts; and where as we your humble subjects, the Mayer, Aldermen and Commons of your Grace ys City of York and the inhabitauntes of your Grace ys Countye of your said City of York for poore knowlege of the verytie of Gods word and ignoraunt of our bounden duety to you our sovereign Lorde have agaynst our naturall allegyaunce disobedyently and contrary your Grace ys lawes for the common welth provyded grevously and traitoryously offendyd your high invyncible and moste royall majesty, your imperyall croune and dignitye in the most odyous offence of traterous rebellyon, whereby your Grace our naturall Sovereign and Kyng havyng the lyves, lands and goods of us wretchys at your wyll and pleasor by your good and holsome lawes for our said unnaturall and traterous offences have of your excellent prudence, mercy and pity infuised into you our naturall sovereign lorde by the spiryt of almyghtie God grauntid to us wretches, beyng desparat of any maner hope or releyff, your moste gracyous and charytable remissyon, frank and free pardon, whos bountyfull hart and liberall graunte we of our selfs ar in no wise able to recompence or satisfye but contynually have been from the bothoms of our stomaks repentaunt, wo and sorowfull for our said unnaturall and haynous offencs, heyr before the hygh presence of your moste excellent Majesty royall (*fo.* 58) our supreme heyd by divyne permycon, we promyse and vowe in the words of fayth and truth frome thys tyme forwards not onely to serve, obey, love and dreyd your Majestie Royall, spend our goods, our bodyes withoute murmer or grudge in the servyce of your moste Royall Majestye or your most gracyous precepts and

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commaundements, to the utter effuicon of our herts blod but also we, our wyffs and chyldres shall contynually and devoutly pray to the moste blessyd and Holy Trenytie to preserve your moste royall Majestye with your gracyous Queyn and our noble prync Edward long to reign over us in prosperitye and that after thys your gracys mortall and transytory lyff our Saviour Chryste in reward of your said bennignitye shewyd unto us wretches, his creatours and your subjects, graunt unto your Highnes the eternall fruycon of his infynyte glory. Amen.

The Mayer, Aldermen and Commons of this your gracyous City of York and thenhabytaunce of your Grace ys Countye of your said City of York to Almyghty God givyth lawde and honour for the preservacon of your moste royall person in prosperitye, beyng as hartely rejoysyd as any subjects may be of this your prosperous journey unto this our said City, requyring your Grace to accept ther benyvolence as welle to your Majestie as to your gracyous Quene as in this papyr apperyth. And so giffe a papyr of the present to the Kyngs owne hand.

(*fo.* 58b). Most high and myghty Prynce, your humble subjects, the Mayer, Aldermen and the Commons of your Grace ys City of York shall at all tymes be redy to accomplish all suche servyce as your Majestye shall commaund them to doe bothe with ther bodys and ther goods to the uttermost of ther powers.

fo. 59b. **The Cheating Carvers. Insulting an Alderman.**

4 November 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Rychard Grayves and John Flemyng, carvours, personally cam and submytt themselfs for to abyd the order of iiij of the Common Counsaill of this City as concernyng the deceyt that they comytted to the Chamberleyns in not fynysshyng of a certen show by them devysed and where of thay made a plat before the commyng of the Kyngs majestie where through thay put this City in diswurship in that behalf and hereafter apperys the naymes of the arbytours appoynted for the ordryng of that matter, that is to say, Adam Atkynson, Myles Cook, Robt Eldon and Cristofer Clerke.

(*fo.* 60). Item yt is agreyd that Robt Bold, for such sedicious and slaunderous words as he dyd speyk by Maister Holmes Alderman in callyng hym fals knave and in thowyng[1] of hym; sayng—I shall bryng thee ther whereas thow shalbe culyd[2] welle enogh; and also the said Bold afterward in open ayllehous further ralyd of the said Maister Holme and said that he had called an Alderman false knave.

[1] "thowyng"; calling him "Thou."
[2] "Culyd"; flattered.

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The said Bold shalbe commytted furthwith to prison and ther to remayn to the commyng of Maister Recorder.

fo. 60b.

Stealing the King's silver.

Tenants of the Duchy of Lancaster to be toll free.

15 November 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

My sayd lorde delyvered unto John Bellesthorp and William Herryson, too of the Chamberleyns, fower owncs of brokyn sylver whiche was a parcell of the Kyngs vessell at his Grace furst beyng here; which was felonsly stolen by one Thomas Bennett, laite footeman to the ryght honourable Lady Duches of Rychemond; afterward the sayd brokyn playte was in the possessyon of one Issabell Dyer of Moore Monkton, and by her sold unto Laurence Emondson of this City, gooldsmyth, whiche Emondson brought the sayd brokyn playte after proclamacon was mayde by my saide lorde Mayer for certen sylver vessell and pewter vessell of our said sovereign Lorde that was lackyng. And immediatly after the said Thomas Bennet was attachyd at the Kyngs suyte appon suspect of the sayd felony and was laufully condempnyd therfore by the due order of the Kyngs lawes and remanyth in the convict prison at York by reason that he was a clerke; whiche brokyn sylver ys prasyd by . . .[1] unto . . .[1] and imployed to the use of the Common Chambre of this City

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Item Maister Tankerd, Recorder of this City delivered to my lorde Mayer the exemplificacon of a certen recorde, decree and order takyn by the right honourable Chauncellour and Counsell of the Duchye of Lancastre under the Duchye seyll whereby yt doyth evidently appere that all the Kings tenaunts, resyaunts and inhabitaunts dwellyng within the sayd duchye ought to carry, recarry, passe, repasse and to go tolle free with all and syngler ther oune goods, cattalls and merchaundysez bothe within this City and in other placs corporatyd within thys the Kyng our sovereign lorde ys realme of Ingland; whiche was openly red to the sayd presens by good delyberacon and this matter respectyd unto the next commyng of the sayd Maister Recorder.

Item my lorde Mayer showed the copys of the Record in the sayd Duchy Chambre concernyng the suyte whiche the Mayer and Citizens of this City hathe ageynst Jamys Thomson, bailley of Leds and John Killyngbek, hys servaunt, for takyng of tolle and . . .[2] of dyverse citizens of this City contrary the tenour of dyverse charters and graunts belongyng this City.

[1] Blanks.
[2] Illegible.

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fo. 61b. **Order to plant fruit trees. Bars to be kept clean.**

25 November 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

A parcell of ground layng of the west syde of the dwellyng house of Robert Elden withoute Mikellythe Barre graunted to the sayd Elden for a terme of xxi yeres, and the sayd Robert promyseth to graft and set fruyt treys of the sayd ground and to leyff them growyng of the sayd grownd at the end of the sayd terme of xxi yeres.

(*fo.* 62). Item it ys agreyd that thos men that kept the iiij barres of this City cleyn and cleynly before the commyng of the Kyngs highnes and also at the tyme that hys grace mayde hys abode here within hys grace palace at Saynt Mary withoute the walles of this City shall have in reward therfore after the quantyte of ther paynes in that behalf.

Farthermore it ys agreed that the Common Servaunts of this City from nowe furth shall tayke payne to se and provyde that the sayd barres shalbe kept cleyn for passage of all the Kyngs subjects thrugh the same and to se the watchmen ordryd at all tymes hereafter according as Maister Wardens shall resonably devyse.

fo. 63b. **M.P.s chosen. Those who marry bakers' widows.**

15 December 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Maister Hogeson and Maister Gayle, Aldermen was elect to be too Citizens of this City and burgesys for the shyre and cowntye of this City of York at the Kyngs courte of Parlyament to be holdyn at the Kyngs City of Westminster the xvj day Januarii next to come and they to be fully auctorysed accordyng to the Kyngs wrytt in that behalf.

Item it ys agreyd that where as ther is controversy and altercacon emongs the common bakers of thys City for that that some of them dothe agree and other some of them wil not agree that that thos that maryes the wyffs of suche persons that was fraunchest men and commons of thys City; appon resonyng and debatyng of thys (*fo*, 64) matter it was fully agreyd that Nycholes Foster, cooke, who hathe maryed the layte wyff of Maister Ledayle, baker, and also Cuthbert Smyrthwayte that hathe maryed the wyff of Robert Draper, baker, shall be admytted the occupacon of the common bakers after the same maner that Robert Rede that maryed the wyff of Rycherd Emondson baker, was admytted, provyded alwey that the moyte of thir fynes shalbe payd to the use of the Common Chambre of this City.

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fo. 64b.

All bushells to be standardized.
Liveries for servants of M.P.s

23 December 33 Henry VIII (1541). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that my lorde Mayer beynge Clerk of the Markett within thys City by vertue of hys offyce shall mayke all busshels of the said City for to agree in messure with the brasyn busshell that is in the Common Chambre of the sayd City, whiche brasyn busshell was admytted by Maister Ardren, Clerk of the Markett unto the Kyngs highnes, to be a laufull standard at suche tyme as the Kyngs Majestie was present within thys City in hys owne moste royall person.

Item Wylliam Hutchenson and John Preston, cowpers, ar admytted for to be guaygers within the sayd City and frome nowfurth to see all busshells to agree with the sayd standard.

Item it ys agreyd that Maister Hogeson and Maister Gayle beyng elect Citizens an Burgesys at the Kyngs high courte of Parlyament shall have lyverys allowyd for ther iiij servaunts accordyng to the olde precydens of thys City.

fo. 65b.

3 January 33 Henry VIII (1541-2). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the Chamberleyns shall pay to Maister Hogeson, one of the Citizens at the Kyngs high courte of Parlyament v^{li} towards his fee of iiij^{s} a day; also v^{li} to Maister Gayle; and over and besydes that ten pownds towards the chargs of dyverse suts and busynes of this City and to render accompt therof; and also the sayd too Citizens to have lyverys accustomed of the Common Chambre for ther iiij servaunts for the worship of thys City, that is to say xlviii^{s}. And appon payment of the sayd money they hadde instruccons delyvered them to sewe for the common profett of the said City as hereafter apperyth.

(*fo.* 65). First to sew with effect that the Mayer and Comminalte of this City shall susteyn non losse nor damage by reason of the Kyngs graunt mayde to the Mayer and Comminalte of Kynston of Hulle for goods forren bought and forren sold within the libertys of that towne and to certefy my Lorde and hys Bredern bothe of the Kyngs pleasour and his moste honourable Cownsaill therin.

Item to send downe as shortly as is possyble bothe a copy of the sayd graunt and also a copy of ther byll of supplicacon whereappon the sayd graunt was mayde.

Item the said Citizens hathe delyvered to them a chartre, Ric. furst, whereby the sayd Mayer and Commonalte ought to be tolle free in all placs within the Kyngs dominion.

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Item to sew for reformacon ageynst the Mayer and Comminalte of Lyme Regis who take j^{d} tolle of this City for every quarter of grayne within ther libertys.

Item to speyk with Maister Arden for the brasyn busshell whiche Maister Cowper, attourney for this City in the Kyngs eschequyer promysed to have sent doune accordyng to the Kyngs standard.

Item to sew with effect that all accons as wele reall as personall may be tryed after the dew ordre of the Kyngs lawes before my lorde Mayer and Maister Shiryffs of the said City accordyng to their chartres.

fo. 67b. **Fishgarths not inspected.**

7 January 33 Henry VIII (1541-2). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that in consyderacon that my said lorde Mayer hadde this yere great busynes, payne and chargs in and abowte the preparyng of many thyngs ageynst the commyng of the Kyng majestye to this City, therfore my said lorde Mayer to be clerely acytyd[1] and discharged of the penalyte of not viewyng the fisshgarthez this yere.

fo. 68b. **Restoration of silver seals.**

10 February 32 Henry VIII (1541-2).[2]

Mem. that the day and yere abovesaid Maister Wylliam Dogeson, Alderman, came to Ousebrig and delyvered to my lorde Maier that now is the too great sylver sealles, the on of them beyng the sealle of office of the mairaltie of the said City and the other the sealle of the statute merchaunt which the said Maister Dogeson had tyme of his mairaltie the yere last by past.

fo. 68b. **Tenants for fifty-two years.**

20 January 33 Henry VIII (1541-2). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

John Lewes of thys City, shereman, byng of the ayge of iiijxx yerez or ther abowts put in a byll of supplicacon for to have abaytement of the common land that he dwells in whiche ys xj^{s} by yere. The sayd presens consideryng the contents of the sayd byll to be true and also consideryng hys great ayge, impotency, povertye and especially for that that he hathe been tenaunt of that lond to the Mayer and Comminalte of this City lii yeres and by all that tyme hathe truely paid the sayd rent of xj^{s} by yere to the brigmasters of Ouse brigg (*fo.* 69) for whiche consyderacon the sayd presens agreyth that the sayd John Lewes by way of

[1] Acytyd; acquitted.

[2] Belonging to the past year but inserted in a blank space in this folio.

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charyte shall have that common house from nowe furth for the terme of hys lyff naturall onely withoute payng of rent therfore appon condicon that he shall mayk all maner of necessary reparacons of hys oune proper goods at all tymes needefull appon half a yere warnyng, and if that he fayle therof that then thys graunt and decree to be clerely voyde to all entents.

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fo. 1. **New ordinances of the Tapiters to be drawn up.**

10 February 33 Henry VIII (1541-2). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the sersours and hole occupacon of tapitours[1] of this City shall assemble themselfs in luffyng, broderly and quyet maner at ther plaic accustomyd and to taik ther ordynaunce beyng both uncerten and insufficyent to many entents agaynst the auncyent ordynauncs and usage of this City to the great disceyt and damage of the Kyngs poore subjects and agaynst the common welle, which if that the offenders of the said occupacon shuld contynue in making of suche unlawfull wayes shuld be the occacon of the clere decay of the said occupacon within shorte space. Therfor the said presens ar determynyd that the said sersoours and occupacon shall maike a book of articles whereby one indiferent and sufficyent ordynaunce shalbe made by the said presens with the concent of the said occupacon and for the common welle of the Kyngs subjects and the sayd artycles to be delyvered to my said lorde Mayer within viij days next.

(*fo.* 1b). Item it ys agreyd that Antony Atkyrk shall cesse and no forther procede in making of a kyln in his house at Ouse bryg end for driyng of malte for speciall consideracons nowe movyng the said presens uppon payn of . . .[2]

fo. 2. **Money to be sent to the M.Ps.**

13 February 33 Henry VIII (1541-2). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Maister Hogeson and Maister Gaylle, Aldermen, beyng Citizens at the Kyngs high courte of Parliament for this City shall have x^{li} sent up to London furthwith unto them towords ther chargs ther for this City according to ther lettre layt sent for them to my lorde Mayer and his Brederyn.

[1] For Tapiters ordinances of 1472, see *York Memorandum Book,* vol. II, pp. 195-6.

[2] Blank.

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fo. 6. **Report of M.Ps. Their expenses paid.**

18 April 33 Henry VIII (1542). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Maister Hogeson and Maister Gayle plainely declaryd at lengh the hole circumstaunce of suche paynes as they tuyk at the Courte of Parlyament accordyng to ther instruccons and also otherwyse of ther oune mynds as they thought best for the common welle of this City. Wherefore yt is fully agreyd that the sayd Citizens shalbe allowyd the auncyent wags and clothyng of . . .[1] for ther iiij servaunts. And ther wags onely amowntyth unto xxxv^{li} iiij^{s} after the rayte of ayther of them iiij^{s} the day. And the sayd Citizens disbursyd and paid for the preferrement of the common matters and for the comon welle of this City as it apperys by a byll of parcells shewyd and declaryd by the sayd Citizens amowntyng unto xij^{li} viij^{d}. The summe of the dayes that the sayd Citizens was at the sayd Parlyament with goynge and cumyng fro the same ys iiijxx and viij days and in ther comyng home to thys City the Common Chambre were indettyd unto them in xiiij^{li} v^{s}, that is to say, to ayther of them vij^{li} ij^{s} vj^{d} whiche the sayd presens agreyd that the Chamberleyns shall pay unto them forthwith.

fo. 7. **Letter to the Mayor of Kings Lynn.**

A copy of the letter sent to Maister Mayer of Kyngs Lynn the vj day of Marche in the yere of our Lord 1542.

Right worshipfull I hartley commend me unto you and to all other of our Brederyn certefyng you that Maister Myllner and I haith takyn this order with Maister Hogeson and Maister Gaylle, Citizeins of the City of Yorke, for the payment of tollys at Lynn for them or any other citizyn of the foresaid City. And for as much as wee have seen ther chartre wherein we perceive they shuld be free in all plaics within this realme wee have agreyd and assentid that all the citizyns of the foresaid City shall passe free withoute any payment of tolle for corne or any other merchandys untyll suche tyme as wee can prove of right that they ought to pay tolle with us by reason of the lord Prynce dewtys with us of old tyme usyd to be paid, which privilege wee now have. And furthermore that the citizyns shall here after bryng a certifycate frome the foresaid City that they be free of the same and uppon the syght of suche certifycate to have all such stressys before takyn to be redelyvered agayn without any farther delay or vexacon.

By me Thomas Mylner

By me Thomas Waters.

[1] Blank.

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fo. 10. **Letters to be sent to the Lord Chancellor and the Earl of Norfolk.**

29 April 34 Henry VIII (1542). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that ther shalbe too letters devysed to London for the profett of this City; one to my lorde of Norfolk and an other to my lorde Chauncelour.

fo. 13b. **Fishing day. Fishgarths to be viewed.**

16 June 34 Henry VIII (1542). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 1 of the xxiv.

[1]Agreyd to have ther fisshyng day accustomed on Weddinsday next.

Item it ys agreyd that Maister North, Maister Halle, Maister Beyne and Maister Robynson, Aldermen and also Maister Watson, one of the Shiryffs, Maister Lewes and Maister Paycok, too of the xxiiij shall attend of my lorde Maiour to view the fysshegarthes at suche tyme as they shalbe appoynted and commaundyd by his lordeshyp.

Item my sayd Lorde to appoynt at his pleasour iij Chamberleyns and certen discreyt commoners to attend of hym the same tyme.

fo. 14. **Death of an officer at the Mace.**

24 June 34 Henry VIII (1542). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

My lorde Maiour declaryd howe that Almighty God hadde callyd John Blakey to hys mercy. And therappon yt was agreyd that the fyve offycers shall contynue withoute any mo or any other to be electyd. And when any of the sayd v offycers dothe happyn to dye that then ther shalbe onely iiij offycers at mace to my sayd lorde Maiour and his successours.

fo. 15. **Wage Agreement.**

3 July 34 Henry VIII (1542).

Barnerd Cleter, sadler, haith com personally before my lord Mayer and haith promysed to gyve unto Edmond Smythson his lait prentice whos yerez went furth at mydsomer last of his apprentishyp, the said Barnard haith now promysed before my lord Mayer to gyve unto the said Edmond nowe his hyred servaunt frome mydsomer laste unto that day twelve monthe xv^{s} in monye for his wages this yere.

[1] Each year there was a fishing day. In 1631 "by fair fishing with nets they took 41 Salmon."

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fo. 16. **Regrating.**

14 July 34 Henry VIII (1542). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Robert Cooke, wexchaundler, dyd submyt hymself to be ordred by the sayd presens for regratyng[1] of xl quarters of beyns at the common stayth contrary dyverse statuts of our sovereign lord the Kyng provyded in that behalf, for whiche offence the same presens haythe jugyd the said Robert to pay to the Common Chambre of thys City x^{s}.

fo. 16b. **City tent to be mended. Post horses to be bought. Watch to be kept in the Wards.**

4 August (1542). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, and 13 others.

Agreyd that the tent belongung to this Citie which is in rewyn and nedith to be amendyd, therfore it is agreyd that it shalbe amendyd well and substancyally and as shortly as can be to serve the King and this Citie when neyd shall requyer.

Also it is forther agreyd that ther shalbe iiij horse boght of this City coste for to serve for post horse within this Citie, that is to say, for every ward one and to be kepte by the officers of the ward.

(*fo.* 17). Item it ys agreyd that ther shalbe watche kept within every ward of thys City accordyng to the Kyngs statuts.[2]

fo. 18. **Reception of the Earl of Rutland.**

20 August 34 Henry VIII (1542). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the ryght honorable Erle of Rutland commyng to this City within Walmegate Barre. that is to say, the xxij day of August, ridyng Northward in the Kyngs affayres and busynes in thes partys as lord Warden of all the Marches to the Kyngs highnes, [3]shalbe met and recevyd by my sayd lorde Mayour and hys Bredern at—and also to be presentyed with too great fatt pykks. Item in maynbred iij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item too galons of good and fyne ypocras to be mayde by John Jonson, one of the Chamberleyns of this City. Item iij great sugar loffes for the honour of this City.

Mem. that the sayd lord Warden was of kyndnes met and receivyd by my sayd lord Maiour and his Brederen with a multytude of honest Commoners in Walmegate before the dwellyng house of Maister Holme, Alderman. Wherefore the sayd lord Warden dyd gyff great thanks unto my sayd lord Maiour and his Brederen,

[1] Regrating seems here to be used in the sense of "retailing."
[2] Note added, "Mem. to send for the plomer in Fossegayte.
[3] Sentence "shalbe . . . . at" is crossed through in MS.

saiyng that they dyd hym myche honour; and so hys lordshyp procedyd and rode streght to the Kyngs palyce at Saynt Marys and ther lodgyd that nyght with the Kyngs ryght honourable Counsayl establisshyd in theis North partys. And furthwith after the sayd present was sent to the sayd palace with iiij Chamberleyns and the mace berer. And of the morowe next after aboute x of the cloke the sayd lord Warden and hys company tuyk his journey towards Newcastell.

fo. 19. **Present from the Earl of Cumberland.**

29 August 34 Henry VIII (1542). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Ther was a loving lettre sent unto my lord Mayer, his Bredren and Commons of this Citie frome my lorde of Cumberland, the copy wherof hereafter ensewyth. Also the said Lord sent with the said letter one present of venyson, that is to say, a stagg and a bukk in season to the said Mayer and Commons and xx^{s} in gold to be bestowed in wyne to the said venyson.

Also it is agreyd that the gentylman that came with the said venyson shall have in reward x^{s} in too crownes.

fo. 19b. **The Earl of Cumberland claims to lead the soldiers of York in time of war. He sends a present of venison.**

To the right worshipfull and verey loving frends the lord Mayour of York and his Brederyn and Comonalty of the same and to every of them gyve this.

Right worshipful after my right hartie commendacons, wher ever heretofore I have and myne auncestours in all tymes by juste title of inheritaunce seasyd of the captenship of the Citie of York[1] and thinhabitaunts of the same and to have the conductyng and leading of all suche as at any tyme shuld be appoyntyd and elect to serve the Kings majestie in his warres, therfore this shalbe to advertise yowe that havyng receyved the Kings majesties lettres whereby I am willyd and commaundyd to put me, my family, tenaunts and all under my rewle and governaunce in a redynes to serve his Magestie uppon an houre warnyng when so ever I shalbe therunto by his majestie or his leutenaunte commaundyd and to signifie his Majestie what nowmbre I canne and may make in a redynes I have thoght it convenyent to wryte unto yowe and neverthelesse to will and desyer yowe to asserteyn me by your lettres what nowmbre ye will and may make in a redynes when the tyme shall come to serve his Majestie by my servaunte, this berer, nott dowbtyng ye will evyn as lovyngly and with lyke curage furnysh your selfs with me as ye heretofore at any tyme

[1] For this claim see *York Civic Records,* vol. I, p. 154. Vol. II, p. 47.

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have doon with myn auncestours and when ye have heretofore demaunded of my lorde and graundfather and my lords father, whos solles God pardon, to have two tymes in the yere venyson of them as of acustome and that nowe evyn at this tyme I am enteryd unto my lands I have sent yowe venyson not as dewty but for that I wold and wyll, as much als in me is, not have the conducting of your bodyes but your hartie luffs and favours; assuryng yowe by this my lettre ye shall, Godwilling, yearly have the same with any other pleasour that in me shall lye to do for yowe, not doubting but ye will evyn so do herein as my assured espectacon is in yowe and as I shalbe glad to requyte yowe the same and thus God kepe yowe. At my lodge of Carlton this xxviii day of August.

Your assured

Cumberland

fo. 20. **Reply to the Earl of Cumberland.**

To the right honourable and ther good lord the Erle of Cumberland.

Ryght honourable and our good Lorde our dewties remembred in our hertiest maner wee recommend us unto your Lordship. Pleas it the same to knowe that we have recyvyd your loving and kynd lettres withe your honourable present, that is to say, a stagg and a bukk of greys and xx^{s} in gold for the wyne; wherefore wee in our said hartiest maner do thanke your lordship, signyfieng your lordeship that to the uttermost of our power we shalbe right glad to accomplishe your lordshipps request and desyer at all tymes at it shall become us for to have the conductyng and leading of all suche men of warre as shalbe electe and appoynted to serve the Kyngs Majestie in his warres for his grace Citie of York with the wapentaik of the Aynsty as it shall pleas his Highnes or his grace lieutenante to commaund us with the nowmbre of a hundreth habill men of warre to be well furnyshed for that purpos; notwithstonding the decay of the said Citie and nott beyng of suche substance and habilitie as it haith beyn in tymes paste; nevertheles our good willes shalnot lakk to doo our best herin according to our powers and substance as knoweth our lord God who long contynue you, our said good Lord, in honour. Frome the said Citie of York under the sealle of the office of the Maieraltye of the same the xxix of August

All yours assured the Mayours and his brederin Aldermen of the Citie of York.

fo. 21. **Wardens to select men for soldiers.**

30 August 34 Henry VIII (1542). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

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All the constables of this City by commaundment of my lord Maiour dyd personally appere; whiche constablez hadde in commaundment to calle all men betwixt sextye and xvj before them and all the sayd persons personally to appere before ther wardens in ther parissh churches furthwith to thentent that the sayd maister wardens with the consent of the constables and parisshinners may elect and appoynt ther men accustomed to be takyn within the parissh to serve the Kings majestie in his warres.

fo. 22. **Loan to the City's captain.**

31 August 34 Henry VIII (1542). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreyd in consideracon that Percyvalle Selbe, maceberer, and capitan electe and appoynted at this tyme for the City towards Scotland and beyng owte of store of money, therfore the Chamberleyns of this City to tayke hym furthwith fyve marks by way of lone to help at set hym forward in that vyage for the worshyp of this City .....[1]

fo. 22b. **Reluctance of the Standard bearer.**

2 September 34 Henry VIII (1542). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

My lord Maiour showyd that Robert Man, merchaunt, layt elect and appoynted to be petty captyn for thys City towards Scotland ys in such great suyte in the Kings Courte of Eschequyer that he cannot attend that rowme.

Agreyd that where Thomas Slayter ys elect and appoynted to be standerd berer for this City as he hathe been in tymez past; yf that the sayd Thomas of hys oune wylfulnes contrary hys fraunchest othe refuse and wylnot bere the sayd standerd at thys tyme and in thys vyage that then the sayd presens by one assent doythe discharge the sayd Thomas Slayter of the libertye and fraunches of this City and not to be permittyd in any wyse to occupye as a fraunchest man after that the capitane and the souldyers be gone forward in the sayd vyage towards Scotland for the disobedyence of the sayd Thomas to the sayd Mayer and also for hys offence and wylfull demeanour of the sayd Thomas Slayter in this cas to the parlus example.

Item it ys agreyd that William Gilmyn, merchaunt, shalbe petty capten for thys City.

fo. 23. **The Earl of Norfolk is coming to York.**

7 September 34 Henry VIII (1542). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

[1] The rest of this document is illegible.

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Agreyd that the bakers and all other vytelers shall prepare for flore, breyd[1] and other vyttels ageynst the commyng of my lord of Norfolk is grace and also that the same bakers to have store of horsebred and the vyttellers and inholders to have store of hay and all other vyttell.

Item it is agreyd that my lord of Norfolk shall have at his commyng an honourable present of this Citie according and after the raite as was presentyd to hym in the tyme of Maister Hall beyng Mayer.

fo. 25b. **Precautions taken in case the Ainsty men refuse to march.**

The Rendezvous.

9 October 34 Henry VIII (1542). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

The sayd presens dyd agree to send for Maister John Dobson, one of the Shiryffs of this City, and at his commyng he was commaundyd by my lord Maiour by the advyse of his said Brederyn that the sayd Shiryff shall tayke xx honest and discreyt persons of this City and suche as the moste parte of them have beene Chamberleyns to attend of hym in to his baillewyk of the wapentak of the Aynsty unto theys townes underwrittyn, that is to say, to Wyghell, Eisey, Estwalton, Bolton Percy cum Hornyngton, Steton, Monkton and Stagylthorp, Huton cum Angram, Helagh and to Thorp Arche and to see that the souldgers appoyntyd at thys tyme by my said lord Mayer within the sayd townes be in a redynes fully furnysshyd with hors harnes and all other necessary thyngs apt and meyt for the warre and to be redy to attend and goe forward with the capitan and standard of this City at ix of the clok of Thursday next as of ryght they ought to doe accordyng to the auncyent custome and precydent of this City. And if that the inhabitaunts of the sayd townes refuse and deny to fynde the souldgers that then the sayd Shiryff to tayke as muche goods and cattels for a dystres as wille suffyce to bere the charge of thos touneshypps that refusys to send ther souldgers accustomyd and to bryng the sayd distressis with hym to this City to be usyd furthwith for the finedyng of (*fo.* 26) other soldyers in ther placs that shall happyn to mayke defawte of ther apparaunce and refusell to goe forward the sayd Thursday in the Kyngs warrez ageynst Scotland in example of lyk offenders.

Item Percyvalle Selbe, esquyer at giltyd mace to my sayd lord Maiour, told the sayd presens the sayd ix day of October here within thys Counsayll Chambre that my lord of Norfolk ys grace, beyng the Kyngs lieutenaunt generall in theys North partys, that the sayd lord lieutenaunt commaundyd hym beyng

[1] On fo. 24 and 24b is a list of bakers and the quantity of meal and wheat they had in store.

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capytane of the sayd City that bothe he and hys company shuld be with his Grace at the toune of Newcastell of sonday at nyght next after, the whiche shalbe the xv day of the sayd mounth of Octobre and not before that day; appon whiche sayng of the sayd Percyvalle the sayd presens causyd the Chamberleyns of thys City to prepare all things in a redynes for ther settyng forward of the sayd capytan, William Gilmyn, petty capytan of c souldyers who tuyk ther journey from Magdelane Chappell the friday whiche was the xiij day of Octobre towards the sayd toune of Newcastell.

fo. 26b. **Horses and carts for the expedition.**

11 October 34 Henry VIII (1542). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

The sayd presens hadde communicacon; and after that tuyk a full order for the furnysshment and settyng furth of too carts and iiij carters and . . .[1] carthorsez for the sayd capteyn and his c souldgers accordyng to the specyall commaundment of my sayd lord of Norfolk.

Furst the cart and fyve hors of Cristofer Clerk, prasyd and bought with almaner of gere belongyng yt, fully furnysshed and redy to goe forward tomorowe at ix of the clok. The second cart bought with wodene whylls. (vij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}).

Hors to the sayde ij^{d} cart.

Imprimis a hors of John Morden xxvj^{s} viij^{d}

Item a hors of Cristofer Wiggyn xx^{s}

Item a hors of Thomas Warde xx^{s}

Item a hors of John Johnson xvj^{s}

Item a hors of Ric. Whyte, taillour, saddyll and brydell for the under captan liij^{s} iiij^{d}

(*fo.* 27). Item a gray nag of Charles Wedderall, cordyner, not prasyd.

Item a blak nag of John Bacheler, cordyner, not prasyd.

fo. 27b. **The York Soldiers.**

The nombre of a hundreth and two defensyble men of armes sent by the right worshipfull John Shadlok, Mayour of the said Citie, and the Comminaltie of the same to the right honourable lord Thomas, Duke of Norfolk is Grace, high Tresurer of Englond, and the Kings lieutenaunt generall in the North parties, unto the toune of Newcastell uppon Tynne the fryday, that is to say, the xiijth day of October (1542).[2]

Mony payd by the commandment of my lord Mayer and his Bredern by Maister Chamberlayns of this Citie.

[1] Blank.

[2] folios 28-31 contain the names of the 102 man from York and Ainsty, 47 Archers, 47 billmen, 10 defaulters from the Ainsty.

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Imprimis to Percyvall Selby, esquyer at gyltyd mayce, and chief capytayn for his solgers—coote of whyte sattan of Bryges[1] xx^{s}

Item to William Gylmyn, pettycapytan for his solgers coote xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Item George Hutchonson, standerdberer.

Thomas Sawer, servaunt to the said cheif capytan.

Thomas Maudeslay, servaunt to the sayd petty capten.

fo. 32. **Detailed Arrangements for the march of the Soldiers.**

13 October 34 Henry VIII (1542).

A remembraunce of the settyng furth of the Capten, petty capytans and c solgers owte of the said Citie with the wapentak of the Aynsty.

Furst that my lorde Mayour and his Bredern to go to the auncyent place accustomyd for that purpos, callyd Mawdeleyn[2] chappell.

Item after the assemble of my lorde Mayour and his Bredren the said capytanes and the solgers to be ther redy to attend of them, and whan that all have apperyd then to call the said capyteyns, standerd berer and too servaunts of the said capytayns with all the said c soulgers, whereof ar iiij carters with too carts at this tyme by the specyall commaundment of the right honourable the Kyngs lieu tenaunte Generall in the North parties; and after apperance of them hadd then to make proclamacon for them to receyve the conducte mony to the Newcastell; the whiche is to the cheif capytane at iiij^{d} the myle *summa* xx^{s}; item to the petty capytane x^{s}; item to every soulger ij^{s} vj^{d}, item to every soulger of this City xx^{d}; for the reyst[3] of ther coots whiche is iij^{s} iiij^{d}, for every cote, over and besyds the mony that thay hadd of ther parisshys by the commandement of my said lord Mayour and his Bredren in reward to comforth them at ther departyng frome the said place. Item every soulger of the Aynsty to have ij^{s} vj^{d} for ther conducte moneye and for every of ther coots iij^{s} iiij^{d}, the whiche is allowyd and payd by the Kyngs Majestie at the said Citie by the hands of his Grace is Tresourer callyd Sir John Harryngton

Item to the sayd iiij carters xx^{s}, that is to say, for aither cart x^{s} to Newcastell, payd by the Chamberleyns of this City.

(*fo.* 32b) And after theys payments mayd, then my sayd lord Mayour and his Bredren to gyve the sayd capytayne the charges accustomyd, that is to say, well and trewly to serve the Kings Majestie in that journay, accordyng to ther mooste bown-

[1] Bryges; Bruges.

[2] Near Magdalen Chapel at the top of Burton Stone Lane was the Cross marking the City boundary. The base of the Cross still remains.

[3] Reyst, i.e., the money still owing for their coats.

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don dewetyes, and luffyngly to entrete all the said soulgers and trewly to pay them ther wags when that it shalbe delyverd unto them, and to attend ther as thay shalbe appoyntyd by the Kings said lieutenaunt and not otherwyse, and also to charge all the said solgers trewly to attend of the said capten and not to departe withoute especiall lycence by wryting uppon payn of the lawe the whiche is dethe.

Item after this to charge the said petty capytane with suche money as shalbe delyverd hym by the said Chamberleyns by the commaundement of my said lord Mayour and his Bredern.

And after thes things doon then the said capitane and soulgers to take ther leyf and to departe frome my lord Mayour and his Bredren, and in full humble maner to have them recommendyd to the said leyf tenaunte,[1] the lord Privey Seall and the reyst of the Kinges mooste honourable Counsaill nowe beyng at Newcastell.

fo. 35b. **Letter from the Recorder.**

Ryght wirshipfull in my herty wyse I recommend me unto you. I am enformyd that there is a distres takyn of Mr Gascoigne tenaunts, inhabytyng in Thorparche, because they have not made furth no men toward Scotland under the standerd of Yorke. Yff it be not hurtfull to the Cite I will requier you to delyver the distresses because the awners ar toward Scotland in the Kyngs service. He entendeth to sew a replevyn for the distres at whois suyt the Sheriff must of ryght graunt the said replevyn and accordyng to the same muste mayke delyvere and so the laws will, and because Mr Gascoigne is very ernest in his owne causez therby I wold ye take some good order in the premissez. I am as sore troblyd here with sogers as ye were at York when I was with you. And thus Jesu preserve you. Frome Borobrygg this xiij day of Octobre.

William Tankard.[2]

fo. 38. **Prorogation of Parliament.**

Mem that the xxvj day of October (1542) William Mylner, dwellyng in Grenewyche beyond the City of London and beyng one of the Kyngs messyngers and servaunts, brought worde to my sayd lord Maiour and told hym by mowthe that the Kyngs high courte of Parlyament ys prorogyd unto the xxij day of January next to comme, and also told my sayd lord Maiour that he hadde been in dyverse shyres with dyverse noble men and hadde told the same to them by the Kyngs commaundement; and bycause that the sayd William Mylner hathe contynued long in the offyce of one of the Kyngs messyngers therfore my sayd lord Maiour gaf credence unto hym herin and gaff hym iij^{s} iiij^{d} in reward.

[1] This spelling shows the pronunciation of the word at this time.

[2] The original letter in Tancred's handwriting is pasted into the House Book.

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fo. 38b. **The soldiers now returned to give up their equipment.**

7 November 34 Henry VIII (1542). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Percyvalle Selbe, maseberer, layte capytane of this City at the last rode and journey to Scotland, William Gylmyn, petty captyane and all the souldgers of this City shall delyver into the Common Chambre all thyngs accordyng to the auncyent custome, that is to say, the sayd capytane to delyver the standard, the bannar clothe of white sylk with lyberts[1] of goold, a blak nag that Thomas Sawer, the capytane servaunt, had, with a payre of bryganders[2] that was lent by my said lord Maiour and his Bredern to the said capytane servaunt, with all other gere that they had of the Common Chambre chargs of this City; and also the sayd petty capytane to delyver to the Chamberleyns of this City the geldyng of Richard White, tayllour. And all souldgers of this City in every parysshe to delyver bothe ther horses and harnes to the constables within every parysshe; and for that purpos it ys agreyd that the common offycers shall goo and gyf warnyng to all the sayd constables for to taike delyvere of the sayd horses, saddyls and harnes at the hand of the sayd souldgers to the use of the owners therof and to thentent that the sayd hors, harnes and other the premysez shalbe in a redynes at all tymes hereafter to serve the Kyngs majestie in tyme of neyd (*fo.* 39) provyded alweys that if ther be ayther hors, harnes or any other thyng accustomyd to be redelyvered wantyng and put away by any of the sayd souldyers, that then every of the sayd souldyers that put away any of the sayd hors or harnes to mayke recompens therfore of ther owne proper goods; and yf ther be any of the sayd souldyers not abyll to mayke recompens of ther owne goods, that then all suche souldyers to abyde the order of the churche wardens, constables of suche parysshe where any of the premyssez shall happyn to be wantyng, with the consent of the parisshners; and yf the parisshiners happyn to disagree therof in any poynt or that any of the sayd souldyers refuse to be ordred as is abovesayd, that then every of the sayd souldyers to abyde all suche order and direccon as my sayd lord Mayer and hys Bredern shall tayke therin in avoidyng of farther trouble and busynes that myght ensue by reason of wylfulnes or other misdemeanour of any of the sayd souldyers.

fo. 40b. **Freedom of the City for the post rider.**

9 November 34 Henry VIII (1542). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

The sayd presens consideryng the great paynes and good dilygens of John Foster in ridyng post for this City in Kyngs affayres and busynes for that that the sayd post, and over and

[1] lyberts; leopards.

[2] Bryganders; body armour.

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besyds that, for that that the sayd Foster shalbe redy to ryde hereafter at the commaundment of my lord Maiour and hys Bredern, for theys consideracons the sayd presens hathe grauntyd to the sayd Foster his fredom of this City withoute any money payng therfore to the Common Chambre of thys City.

fo. 42. **The Earl of Cumberland claims the right of leading the Soldiers of York.**

26 November 34 Henry VIII (1542). *Present*—John Shadlock, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, and 10 others.

Ther was a lettre redd and declaryd whiche was sent to my lord Mayour and his Bredern by my lord of Cumberland, wherin he desyeryd hartely by his said lettre to make and put in a redynes a hundreth men within the Kings Citie and Aynstie of York in ther defensable array, fully furnysshed with horse and harnes to be under his conductyng and leding as by the same lettre it dothe appere the tenour whereof hereafter ensewith

To my loving frend the lord Mayour of York and his Brethren Citizens theiz.

After my right hartie comendacons I am commaunded by therle of Hartford, Lord Warden of the Marchies, with all dyligence possible to prepare and in redynes myself with suche my servaunts and tenaunts and other withyn my rewle and governaunce that uppon an hores warnyng I may with the same set forward to serve his Majestie at suche plaics as I shalbe appoynted by the said lord Warden; these shalbe hartely to desyer you as shortly as ye convenyently can to put in a redynes an hundreth men within the Kings City and Annste of York, wherof as many as ye can to be gonners, well furnishyd with good horses, and the same so put in ther best and mooste defencible array uppon an houres warnyng, after I shall advertise yowe, furthwith sett furthe with the same to serve his Majestie as shalbe requisytt and expedyent, not doubtyng but yowe will accomplishe my hartie desyer whiche ye do right well knowe is and belongyth to me by right and auncyent title of inheritaunce for prove wherof I have evydence . . .[1] of record to declare the same at large if neyd so therunto requyer (*fo.* 42b). Trusting ye wilnot protract tyme with mo herin but will, like as I truste you accomplishe my desyer in the same as I may and wooll very gladly consider your goodnes so as you shalbe right well contentyd the contrary I wold be sory ye shuld mynystre occacons herin to constrane me of force to maik complaynt to the Kings said Majestie and his mooste honourable Counsaill touchyng my said right. Thus fayr ye hartely well. Frome my castell of Skypton this xxiiij day of Novembre.

Yours assured,

Cumberland.

[1] Illegible, 2 words.

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9 February 34 Henry VIII (1542-3). *Present*—Robert Heckleton, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

To the right honourable his trusty good lord the Lord high Admyrall of Englond and lord Warden of the Marches forrennyst Scotland.

Right honourable and my trustie good Lord in my hartiest maner I command me unto your good Lordship please it the same to knowe that my neghtburs, John Thornton, Thomas Craven and Robert Gamyll of the Citie of York ar come to Sir Oswald Wyllestrop, knyght, beyng the capten of a ship of warre callyd the Trinyte of Newcastell [be] suching both your Lordship and the said capten to be good lorde and m[aist]er unto them for they ar wyllyng to serve the Kings majestie to the [utte]rmooste of ther powers. Thay dyd alege before me and my Bre[dern] that they hadde neyther prest money nor knowlege that they..go forward in the said ship before this ix day of Febr[uary]. Truth is that ther is no man within this City callyd Hu . . .dyer. And thus our Lord God send your said Lordship good sp[eed in] all your affayres and long to continue in honour. Frome York un[der the] sealle of myn office of the maryaltie of the same the ix of [Februar]y.[1]

Yours assured at commandment

Robert Hekkylton, Mayour of York.

fo. 1b. **Letter to York M.Ps. about the River Foss.**

To ther right welbelovyd Bredren Maister Hogeshon and Maister Gaily Aldermen and Citizens of the Kings high courte of Parlyament for the County of the Citie of York.

Right welbelovyd Bredren in our hartiest maner we recommend us unto you; singnyfieng you that God haith callyd to his mercy Sir George Lawson, knyght, whos sole God pardon. And forsomuche as the right honourable our good lorde the Duk of Norfolk grace commaundyd Maister Pulleyn in his maryaltie to see for kepyng of the Kyngs ryver of Fosse to the Kyngs use, and that the said Maister Lawson dyd occupye it but onely by our sufferance and agrement for the easyng of the Kepers soo by reason that our Common Chambre was then in great dett, as you knowe, so it is now that I by vertue of myne office of the maryaltie with the counsell and consent of my bredern, Aldermen, hath takyn uppon me to see the said ryver suerly kept to the Kings use, consideryng that I am his grace lieutenant within the said City and professyd by myn othe to maynteyn his Grace right in

[1] This letter and the next is torn.

all things concernyng my said office, as Jamys Steyle, my trusty officer, this berer, can more playnley ensure yowe at large unto whome I desyer you bothe to gyve credence therin, Bredren, ye knowe that the said ryver of Fosse is a comodyous thyng and wold be both profytable and a greate pleasour to the Citie. Therefore we hartely desyer you to make labour furthwith with all dyllygence possyble by the advyse of Maister Cowper, our Attourney in the Kings courte of the exchequyer, and other suche lernyd counsell as you shall thinke mooste expedyent for the purpos. We refarr it to your discress[yon]s whether that ye thynk best to taike the said ryver to [fer]me of the King, as Maister Allan Stavelay, laid Alderman of [Yo]rk hadd it for v marks by yere or to labour to be kepers of it [bu]t thynk that if wee be butt onely kepers of it to the Ky[ngs u]se that his Grace may discharge us therof at his mooste gr[aciou]s pleasour, and to advertise us agayn in wrytyng by the [said] berer of your mynds. Our welbelovyd systers, your wyfs and all your . . . was in good helth at the makyng of herof thankyd be . . . Such money as ye disburse about the premys[ses will be] repayd unto you with thanks, as knoweth our Lord God. Under [the s]eale of myne office of the Maryaltie of the same the . . .bruary.

Your assured
Robert Hekkylton,
Mayour of York and his Bredren, Aldermen of the same.

fo. 3.

City Ordinances.

Present—Robert Heckleton, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

In the Counsell Chamber of the Common Hall.[1] The said presents with the assent and consent of the Comons of this City then and ther assembled agreyd that no fower foityd cattel shall goo of the comon moots of this City contrary the aunsient ordynaunce except the mote that Maister North holdith for specyall consyderacons.

Agreyd that Maister Shadloke, Alderman, shall have the tolle of the markett of the Payment for xxj yerez and to pay therfore yerely x^{li} x^{s}.

Item Robert Bold, cardmaker, haith takyn the tolle of the malt market for xxi yeres and he to pay yerely therfore vj^{li} iij^{s} $iiij^{d}$

Item is putt the acte for kepyng of swyne and swynsties in dewe executon.

(*fo.* 3*b*). Agreyd that noon shald hold nor putt any shepe uppon any pastures, garth or moote nor in noon other place withoute the walls of this Citie uppon payn to forfait for every

[1] When not otherwise stated Council Meetings are held in the Council Chamber on Ouse Bridge.

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v shepe iiij^{d} and for all other fower foytyd cattell upon the moots iiij^{d} a pece withoute the walls.

Item a payne layd that none lowse no drawght[1] nor leyf any wayns stonding within this City nor kepe no draght oxen to the noysance uppon payn to forfait vj^{s} viij^{d} for every tyme.

fo. 4b. **Musters to be made and certified.**

By the King.

Trusty and welbelovyd we grete yowe well; lattyng you witt that forsomoche as by the manyfold injures, wrongs and displeasours doon unto us, our Realme and subjectts by the Scotts we have been enforcyd to entre laitly into warr and hostilitie with the same, whiche wee entende, God wyllyng, (oneles the nobles of Scotland shall enfourme them selfs to reason) to prosecute in suche sorte as shall redounde to our honour and to the common welth of our realme and subjects. To thentent we may the better knowe the force of our said realme and therby put the same in suche order and aredynes as they may shewe us in this enterpryse as the cause shall require, wee have thought mete and necessary to have speciall mustres taken of all our people and theruppon to have also suche playne and perfite certyficate mayd as shall declare what may be trustyd to in that behalf; wherfore our pleasour and comandement is that ye by vertue hereof shall with all convenyent diligence taike the musters of all thable men as well horsemen as foytmen whiche ye can make and furnyshe boith of our tenaunts inhabiting upon fermes holds and tenaunts within any office wherof ye have the stewardshp under us (yf ye have any suche) and also of your servaunts and tenaunts dwelling uppon your own tenauncs and the same so takyn to sertefy in wryting to our right trusty and right interly belovyd cosyn and counsellour, the Duke of Suffolke, our lieutenaunte generale in the Northe parties, with all possible dylygence, with a speciall note and declaracon to be expressyd in the said certyficate howe many of the said persons be furnyshed with horses hable to occupye a spere or a javelyn, how many be aither, and how many be bylmen, and howe principall men may be piked owte of every sorte of thole nowmbre, forseing that in thes musters and certyficate ye in nowyse medle with any marryners forasmoche as noo purpose to serve the same for our furnyture[2] by see and that ye putt all the same in suche aredynes as they sett forth uppon one houres warnyng to be gyven unto yowe by the comandement of our said cosyn and these our lettres shalbe your sufficient warrant and discharge in this behalf. Geven under our signet at our Honour[3] of Hampton Court the xvij day of January the xxxiiij yere of our reign.

[1] drawght; team of horses.
[2] Furnyture; equipment.
[3] Honour; so in MS.—should be "Manor."

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To our trustie and welbeloved subjects the Maiour and his Brethern of our Citie of York.

fo. 8. **Report by the M.Ps.**

29 March 34 Henry VIII (1543). *Present*—Robert Heckleton, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Maister Hogeson and Maister Gayle, Citizens of the Kings high courte of Parliament for this City, declaryd of what that they hadde done above at London in the City busynes as towchyng the fysshgarthez and otherwyse.

Agreyd that the Chamberleyns shall content and pay to sayd Citizens of Parlyament for ther wags owyng and due to them at this day xvj^{li}; also to tayke them x^{li} betwixt towards ther chargs in ridyng ageyn to the sayd high Court of Parlyament.

fo. 9. **Letter to York M.Ps. about certificates of fishgarths.**

11 April 34 Henry VIII (1543). *Present*—Robert Heckleton, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Jamys Steyll, one of my lord Mayers offycers shall ryde up to London this day with a letter to Maister Hogeson and Maister Gayle.

To our right welbelovyd bredern Maister Hogeson and Maister Gayle be thys delyvered.

Ryght welbelovyd brederin in our hartest maner wee recommend us unto you, signifyng you that our systers, your wyffs, all was in good heylth at the makyng hereof, thankyd be God. Wee desyer you to calle to your good remembrancs howe that ye told us what that ye hadde done in the Kings courte of Exchequyer the last terme as towchyng the fisshegarthez in the water of Owse to the noysaunce, appon severall certificats therof mayde as ye knowe; and sens your last ridyng up to London wee laybored Maister Beislay to execute the Kyngs wrytts of *fieri facias* and attachments ageynst thos that ar presentyd into the sayd courte, who wee assure you hathe done hys dilygence therin with effect and by force of the sayd wrytts he hathe distreyned the goods and cattals of dyverse of the offenders as ye shall more plainely perceyve by a remembrans herin enclosyd; but trouthe ys for to lat you understand that Maister Babthorpe shewes hymself to be greatly displeasyd (*fo.* 9b) for the executyng of the sayd writts ageynst the sayd offenders. We ar the Kyngs Commissyonours of the Sewers and no persecutours of poore men as he reports us to be; as this berer can more plainely declare unto you, to whome wee desyer you to gyff credens therin and in all other our affayres and busynes at this tyme. Assertenyng you that the sayd Maister Babthorpe tuyk his journey towards London thys day and as wee ar credebly enfourmed by the said Maister Beislay he intends in

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all hayst to mayke suyte to the Lord Cheyff Baron for dyverse of his neghburs that ar presentyd. Therfore wee thynk yt best by your better advicez that ye shall in all our naymes speyk with his good Lordshyp before his commyng to London and to shewe his Lordshyp what is done and executyd for the Kynge at thys day. Thus wee perceyve ryght welle that unles ye applye this busynes with effect at thys tyme yt shalnot avayle us to survey the fisshgarthez any more. The sayd Maister Beislay intends to be at London shortly and he hathe told us in our Counsayll Chambre that yff he be examyned appon his othe by the Kyngs Barons of the sayd Eschequyer that he shall declare unto them what laybour hathe been mayde unto hym herein, as wele by the sayd Maister (*fo.* 10) Babthorpe as by other and also of a reskew that was mayde of the deputys of Maister Shiryff abowte the executyng of the seyd writts. Thus be your specyall help and good chaunce theys matters ar lyk to come nowe to a good passe, as knowyth our Lord God, who evermore preserve you, our luffyng Brederin, in prosperous heylth. Frome the City of Yorke under the seyle of the offyce of the Mairaltie of the same thys xj day of Aprill by your oune assured at all tymes.

fo. 11b. **Report of M.Ps. Recorder to be sent for.**
Act for making coverlets.

18 May (1543). *Present*—Robert Heckleton, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Maister Hogeson and Maister Gayle who was newe comyn home frome London showyd what thay hadd doyn above at London concernyng the affayres and busynes of this Citie bothe concernyng the fishgarthes and other ther affayers according to ther instructons.

Agreyd that Maister Recorder shalbe sent for to have his advyse and counsell concernyng the chartour of fyshgarth and other the affayres and busynes of this Citie, so that aither the said Recorder or ells the Common Clerk shall ryde upp to London this next terme concernyng the said affayes and busynes.

Agreyd that this Citie shall bere and pay the one half of the costs and chargs for the makyng and obtenyng the acte for making of coverletts[1] and serche of the same for that that it is consyderyd that the same acte is as muche for the common well of this Citie as the coverlet wevers of the same. The chargs wherof amountith in all to the some of . . .[2], of the whiche the coverlet wevers of this

[1] The Act for the making of coverlets in York (34-35 Hen. VIII) lays down that none in Yorkshire shall make coverlets except the inhabitants of York. In the preamble it is stated that York, "afore this tyme hathe been mainteyned and upholden . . moste principally by making and weaving of coverlets and coverings for Beddes."

[2] Blank in MS.

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Citie haith promysed to pay iij^{li} parcell therof over and besyds that xx^{s} that thay payd to the said Maister Hogeson and Maister Gale at ther goyng (*fo.* 12) up to London concernyng the obtenyng of the same acte and other busynes, and the Chamberleyns to pay the reist of the said chargs, which is . . .[1]

fo. 13b. **Fishgarths. The King's tax.**
Limitation of expenditure on Corpus Christi day.

28 May 35 Henry VIII (1543). *Present*—Robert Heckleton, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Maister Hogeson shall ryde upp to London uppon fryday next for the mayntenaunce of the Comyssion of Sewars and vieu of the fyshgarths; and he to be allowed iij^{s} of the day for his costs and expensys and the Chamberleyns to tayke hym before his ridyng v^{li}

Agreyd that the collectours for the gidderyng and leviyng of the iiijth payment of the Kyngs tax shalbe certefyed up this Trinyte terme next.

(*fo.* 14). Item it ys agreyd that the Chamberleyns of this City shall pay suche costs and expensys as was mayd to my said lord Maiour, his Brederin, Chamberleyns and the Common Clerk of Corpus Christi day last past, provyded always that the Chamberleyns of this City for the tyme beyng shal not excede hereafter of Corpus Christi day in makyng expensys at the place ther as my lord Maiour shall here the play above iiij marks.

fo. 18. **Unlawful beggars. Mayor and Chamberlains to receive Fines.**

13 August 35 Henry VIII (1543). *Present*—Robert Heckleton, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that all wardens of this City shall avoyde all sturdy and mighty beggers owte of this City accordyng to the Kyngs acts, but suche as are lycensyd and hath the sygnez and scutyons therfore provyded. And the maister begger and iij poore folk of every ward for to attend of maister beggar to receyve the almes and devocyon of good folks; and the awners of the lands within this City to avoide owte of ther lands appon a resonable monycon all vacabunds and beggars but suche as be auctorysed to beg, and that the comon offycers of this City shall gyve warnyng furthwith to all constables within ther wards to remembre ther othes in that behalf.

Item it is agreyd that my lorde Mayer and Chamberleyns that nowe ar and herafter shalbe frome hensfurth shall dewly execute and resave all suche fynes and amereycements as shalbe hereafter sessed of any person or persons presentyd at the sessyons,

[1] Blank in MS.

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Shyryffs turnes, and wardmots beyng sessyd by the Mayour and his Bredern for tyme beyng withoute any remyttes or forgyvenes (*fo.* 18b). And also all other suche fynes and amercyaments as nowe ar sessyd and nott payd nor levyed at this present day and beyng presentyd this yere shalbe holy receyvyd and takyn to the behove of the Commonaltie of this Citie.

Provyded always that if any person or persons that now ar or hereafter shalbe amercyd and fynyd for any offence or trespace agaynst hym or them presentyd can make dewe and sufficient prove before my lorde Mayour and Chamberleyns that he or thay ar nott culpable of that presentment so presentyd agaynst hym or them, theruppon the Mayour for the tyme beyng shall move and showe the same to his Bredren and theruppon the Mayour and his Bredren to take suche order and remytt the sayd fynes as shalbe thoght good by their dyscressyon.

fo. 21.

18 September 1543.

It is agreyd that Ninyane Blytheman, tyler, shall be commytted to prison to the custody of the Sheryff of this City for railyng and spekyng of sclaunderous words ageynst my lord Mayer and his Bredern in fourme folowyng, that ys to say, my lorde Mayour and his Brederen were all false harlotts[1] to God and to our Prynce.

fo. 23b. **Neighbours bound over to keep the peace.**

19 September 1543.

Mem. that my lord Mayour, George Gayle, Alderman, and Robert Hall, Alderman, haith agreyd Jamys Clerk, shomaker, and his wyff and Lowrance Collynson and his wyf the xix day of September (xxxv. Henry VIII). And the agrement ys that Jamys Clerk and Jane, his wyf, shall use themself honestly agayn Lowerance Collynson and his wyf and farther that Lowerance Collynson and his wyf doe use them self honestly agaynste Jamys Clerk and his wyf and that aither of them shall frome the day of the makyng herof use them selfs with gentyll words, one to an other after as honest nebures shuld doe; and if that other of them do the contrary aither in words or in deyds that then thay that so doo offend to other oder in flytyng or skawdyng[2] so provyd shall forfait to the Common Chambre of this Citie as oft as they shall so doo at every tyme xl^{s} *tocyens quocyens*. Wytnesse ys Sir Robert Acryke, preiste, and 4 others.

[1] False harlotts. In its early use the word "harlot" meant a knave, a villain.

[2] Flytyng or skawdyng, i.e., wrangling or scolding.

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fo. 21b. **Bread baking.**

20 September 35 Henry VIII (1543). *Present*—Robert Heckleton, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

The sersors of the bakers desyered my lorde Mayer to have a reasonable pryse of whete to bake after; and theruppon my lorde Mayer haith gyvyn pryse that the bakers shall bake after the wayte of xvij^{s} a quarter of white.

Nynyon Blytheman confessyd before the sayd Courte that he haith offendyd unto my lorde Mayour and his Bredren in callyng them false harlotts,[1] as was reportyd agaynste hym by a wyf of his occupacon, to God and to our prynce in maner and fourme as ys presentyd ageynst hym by Nycholes Cowper, John Stamper, Thomas Gaits, Wylliam Tayllour, tylers, and others.

fo. 25. **City Bounds to be ridden.**

15 October, 35 Henry VIII (1543). *Present*—Robert Heckleton, Mayor, and 10 others.

Agreyd that my lorde Mayour, his Bredren and certen honeste Commoners of this Citie shall ryde the bounds of this Citie in maner and fourme as haith been used heretofore, that is to say, uppon monday next.

fo. 25b. **Words at the election of Sheriffs.**

Friday 26 October 35 Henry VIII (1543). *Present*—Robert Heckleton, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that it shalbe inquieryd and knowen what person as mayd reporte furste unto my lorde Precydent of suche comonycacon as was spoken in the Counsell Chambre in the Common Hall betwixt Maister Bean and Maister Holme at the eleccon of the Shyrryffs.

Item it is agreyd that Maister Holme and Maister Paycok shall gyve sparyng[2] of this howse for suche evyll and inconvenyent words and comonycacon as was spoken betwixt them, one to an other, unto suche tyme that my lorde Mayer and his Bredren have takyn an order for the same.

And bothe the sayd Maister Holme and Maister Paycok promysed before the sayd persons to abyd and fulfill suche order as shalbe takyng therin.

(*fo.* 26). Also it is agreyd by this House that if any of this Howse frome hensfurth mysuse hymself with any evill and inconvenyent words, one to an other, within this House shall pay v^{li}.

[1] This sentence is crossed through in the MS.

[2] Gyve sparing; i.e., shall not attend Council Meetings.

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fo. 27b.

Punishments.

Rental of City property and lands to be made.

10 December 35 Henry VIII (1543). *Present*—Robert Heckleton, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Ninyane Blytheman, tyler, shall come personally before the seyd presens and ask them forgyfnes for callyng of my lord Mayer and all hys Brethren—fals harlotts—at Kyngstowne of Hull in his drinknes as he confessyd, and for the furst punnysshment of the seyd offens the sayd Blytheman was commaundyd to pryson to the Shiryffs kydcote, where he remanyd space of a fortnett.

(*fo.* 28) Agreyd that the seyd Maister Recorder shall tayke advyse what coreccon and punnyshment Richard Braderyg and Rauff Barker shall have for the resettynge of Maister Halle, Alderman, goods.

Agreyd for the common welle of thys City and to thentent that a true rentalle shalbe mayde for the knowlege of all the lands and tenements that belongs to the Mayer and Commonaltie of this City that in Lent next to come the Mayre at that tyme beyng and hys bredren, Aldermen, wardens of all the wards and suche other persons as they shall then calle unto them by ther discressyons shall goe and viewe all the common rent of this City and to mayke a true rentalle of the yerely value thereof and to let the seyd land for the moste avauntage of the Commons.

fo. 29.

An evil speaker submits. Expenses of M.Ps.

Ainsty claims. Post money.

4 January 35 Henry VIII (1543-4). *Present*—Robert Heckleton, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

At this Courte Ninyan Blytheman personally came and sittynge of hys kneys within the seyd Chambre askyd my lord Mayer, his Brederin forgyffnes for callyng them—fals harlotts—in hys drunknes at Kyngeston appon Hull.

Agreyd that the Chamberleyns of this City shall tayke Maister Hogeson and Maister Gayle, Citizens at the Kyngs Courte of Parlyament for this City x^{li} betwixt them towards ther parlyament chargs.

(*fo.* 29b). Whereas dyverse libertys belongyng to this City ar discontynued and clamyd by dyverse gentylmen of the wapentyk of the Aynsty to the great hurt and damage of the seyd City therforé yt is agreyd that a *Quo Warranto* shalbe suyd at thys next terme for the welle of this City by the advyse of our lernyd Cownsell.

Agreyd that the Chamberleyns shall pay xxv^{s} for post money disbursyd in the Kyngs affayres.

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Proof of Payment. York and Lynn.
Instructions to M.Ps.

7 January 35 Henry VIII (1543-4). *Present*—Robert Heckleton, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Robert Wayter of this City hathe day gevyn to bryng in Sir Phelyp Fyssher, preyst, to prove payment of xiij^{s} iiij^{d} for his fraunchest money to Thomas Standevyn and hys fellos, layte Chamberleyns, and the sayd prove to be mayd before the feyst of Eyster next to come.

Agreyd that all fraunchest men of this City from nowfurth shall have a sertificat to the towne of Lyn for the corne that they hereafter shall bryng frome thens to this City of Yorke and to pay for every suche certificatt to my lord Mayer and his successours for the fee of the seyll of offyce xij^{d} and to the Comon Clerk of thys City or to his deputy for writyng of the seyd certificat other xij^{d}.

(*fo.* 30b). Instruccons devysed by the seyd presens to Maister Hogeson and Maister Gayle, Citizens at the Kyngs high courte of Parlyament for the common welle of this City.

Furst to laybour with effect as touchyng the libertye and fredom of this City at the towne of Lyn.

Item to enquyer what auctoryte that the Maiour and the Burgesys of Kyngeston appon Hull hathe of the Kyngs Majestie and hys moste honourable Cownsell to clayme of the fremen of this City goods, forren bought and forren sold, at Hull and to mayke laybour to the Kyngs highnes and his seid Cownsell that all freemen of this City may be free ther as they have been in tymez past.

fo. 31b.

Settlement of discord.

26 January 35 Henry VIII (1543-4). *Present*—Robert Heckleton, Mayor, Peter Robinson, Mayor elect, William Tancred, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Maister Wylliam Dogeson, Maister John Beyn, Maister Paycok, three of the Aldermen, Maister Wylliam Copeland, one of the Shiryffs of this City and Myles Cooke of the same city, merchaunt, by vertue of the Duke of Suffolk is grace letter, beyng the Kyngs majestie lieutenaunt generall at this tyme in theys North partyes to the seyd presens directyd to calle the aboveseyd fyve personz personally before them and not onely for to examyn all maner of grudgs and matters of travers nowe dependyng emongs them but also to accord and agree them for a good quyetnes, unyte and concord to be had and to contynue within thys City frome hensfurth. And for so mych as that the seid Myles Cooke appon his examinacon in the premissez refusyth to be ordred by the seid presens, it is concludyd that the said Myles Cooke shalbe bowndenn of good aberyng ageynst all the Kyngs people; and for so myche as the seyd Myles denyes to be so bowndon, therfore the

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seyd Myles by the comaundment (*fo.* 32) of the seid lord Maiour with the advyse and consent of the seid Recorder and his Bredren ys comytted to pryson ther to remayne unto suche tyme as that the seyd Myles wylbe so bowndon.

fo. 32b. **St. Blaise Day, 1543-4.**

At whiche day assemblyd in the Common Halle the seyd Maier, his brederin, Aldermen, Shiryffs and other of the Common Counsaill of this City then and ther beyng present the sersours of every craft and maysters within this City with many other of the Commonaltye of the same, after the auncyent custome usyd in this worshipfull City, the said Aldermen and other of the seyd Common Counsaill were openly callyd by nayme in order as ys tofore writtyn and then the sersours of every craft ther beyng present, Myles Newton, Common Clerk of the seyd [City]; and the seyd Maiour (*fo.* 33) tuyk his othe accustomyd, as is affore seyd, and after that the said Aldermen, Common Counsaillours and the seyd Clerk tuyk ther othes accustomyd and then Percyvalle Selbe, esquyer at the giltyd mace, Herre Faux, esquyer for beryng of the sword and the vj officers at mace tuyk ther othez also accustomyd and after this all the Commonaltie of the seyd City beyng then and ther assemblyd tuyk ther othe accustomyd unto the said Mayer. And affore that the seyd Maiour tuyk his othe of the Mairaltye of this City uppon dyverse consideraconz and especially for the mayntenaunce of the worshyp of this City shewyd and declayred at that tyme by the said Mayer unto the seyd Commons; therfore the same Commons luffingly and with a full voyce grauntyd unto hym the auncyent and accustomyd fee of l^{li} as is afforesayd.

fo. 35b. **City Ordinances.**

6 February 35 Henry VIII (1503-4). *Present*—Peter Robinson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Yt was fully agreyd by the seyd presens fermly hereafter to be observyd for the worshyp of this City.

Furst, that no Alderman of this City frome hensfurth shall goe owte of his parisshe unles that he have a velvett typpett abowte hys nek and ayther a man or a chylde for to attend of hym in sygne and tokyn that he ys one Alderman for the worshyp of this City accordyng to thauncyent ordynaunce of the seyd City, and that Alderman that usyth hym at any tyme hereafter in wantyng of hys velvett typpet, his servaunt or chylde to attend appon hym, contrary this ordynaunce to forfett therfore xij^{d} to be payd to the use of the Common Chambre of this City.[1] And what Alderman of this City, Sheriff or any of the xxiiij that shall ryde owte of this

[1] For a similar order see *York Civic Records,* vol. III, p. 24. See also vol. II, p. 146.

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City withoute a man honestly appoynted forto attend appon hym shall pay therfore vj^{s} viij^{d} to the use of the seyd Common Chambre withoute any remissyon or forgyfnes, provyded always that none advauntage of the seyd paynes shalbe takyn of any of the seyd presenz in goynge withoute a velvett typpet sodanly to any parisshe next adjonyng to his oune parisshe, nor for (*fo.* 36) any of the seyd presens in wantyng of hys servaunt is ridyng to hys fermald ne adjonyng to this City, and that the lord Maiour of this City and his successours shall put thys ordinaunce in due execucyon accordyng to the tenour, effect and true menyng of the same appon payne of xx^{s} to be takyn and abatyd of his common fee of l^{li} by yere..

Item for quyetnes and good order to contynue within this City it ys also concludyd and agreyd that none of the seyd presens nor ther successours at any tyme hereafter shall nominate or calle any of his bredern Aldermen, Shiryffs or any of the xxiiij knayve or fals knayve nor none other opprobrious or selaunderous nayme to the rebooke and selaunder of any of the seyd persons, whereby any trouble, variaunc or other inconvenyens shall or may ensue therby appon payne to forfet for every suche defawte and misdemeanour xx^{s} to the seyd Common Chambre.

(*fo.* 36b). It ys agreyd by the seyd presens that if any of them at any tyme hereafter mayke defawte of his or ther apparaunce to the Cownsell of this City withoute a laufull excuse, every Alderman to pay xij^{d} for every suche defawte, and ayther of the Shiryffs and every of the xxiiij to pay viii^{d} for lyke defawte And if that any of the common officers of this City at any tyme hereafter doe not ther dewty in warnyng of the seyd Cownsell, whiche of them as doyth offend therin shall pay lyke fynez to the seyd Common Chambre.

fo. 37. **The Ships of York.**

To the right honourable the Duke of Suffolke is grace the King Majestie Lieutenaunt Generall in the North Parties.

Pleas it your Grace to be advertissed that ther is too crayers[1] of xxxvj tonne a pese nowe at the Citie of York and hable to go to the see, and no moo; aither of the said crayers sallyth with vj men, whiche crayers and men shalbe redy at your Grace is commaundement appon one days warnyng; the owners of whiche crayers ar Myghell Bynks and Fraunces Trotter of the said Citie, maryners. Truthe is that the watter of Owse is oftens tymes so lowe that the said crayers cannott passe frome York to Hull, and therefor I wold be glad to knowe your Grace is pleasoure where your Grace will appoynt them to be. Forthermore please it your Grace to be advertised that ther is belongeng to the said Citie ten vessells

[1] A crayer is a small trading vessel, *N.E.D.*

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callyd keylls—the whiche ar of xl or xxx tonnes, not halbe to go to the see, but onely to convay merchaundyses frome Hull to York, the whiche vessells callyd—keylls—shallbe redy at all tymes as it shall pleas your Grace to comaund, as knoweth our Lorde God, who long contynue your Grace in honour. Frome the Citie of York this xxiijth of February.

By your Grace is daly beadman Peter Robynson, Mayour of York.

fo. 38. **Soldiers for the Borders.**

19 February 35 Henry VIII (1543-4). *Present*—Peter Robinson, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

Ther was a lettre sent frome my lord of Suffolk frome Darnton[1] for the appoyntment and sendyng furth of xxxvj able men, speremen or archers to be sent to the borers as by the same more playnly it dothe appere, the tenour of whiche hereafter ensewith.

To my loving freynds the Mayour and Citie of York.

In my right hertie maner I recommend me unto you. And where the Kings majestie for the defence of his realme is mynded to encrease his garryson on his borders for anempste Scotland, and haith appoyntyd you to send the nomber of thirtie and six able men, speremen or archers, all on horsbak, haith comaundyd me to wryte unto you to send them unto his bordures and set them forwards within sixteyn days after the receyt herof to be at Newcastell. I therefore will and requyre you, and nevertheles in the Kings majestie name strately charge and comaund you, that ye imediatlie appon the receypte herof put in a redynes the foresayd nombre of speremen or archers on horsbake so well horsed that thay may be able to make exploytes agaynst the Kings enymyes (*fo.* 38b) frome tyme to tyme and that thay be at Newcastell within the said sixteyn days where they shall receyve of the Kings tresoure for costs and conduct money and have a captyn appoyntyd for them; having in any wyse in your remembraunce to send none but suche as be well horsyd and good archers; fayle ye nott herof as ye tender your duitie to the Kings majestie and woll aunswer to the contrary at your uttermooste perill. Frome Darnton the xvijth of February.

Your frende Charly Suffolk.

Mem the xix day of Frebuary ther was a lettre delyverd unto my lord Mayor of this Citie by one Thomas Bell, servaunte to Sir John Dawney, knyght, Shyrryf of Yorkshyer for contermandyng and stayng of those persons that was preparyd to go to the borders

[1] Darnton; Darlington.

as by the sayd lettre and scedule under the same more playnly it apperyth; the tenour whereof hereafter ensewith.

In my right hartie maner I recommend me unto you. This shalbe to advertyse you that I have rescevyd my lord Lieutenaunts grace is and my lorde of Duresme lettres commaundyng me to advertyse certen gents, whoos names is expressyd in a scedule sygned with my said lords Leutenaunts hands, of the whiche nombre ye that ar here subscribed be, that the Kyngs pleasoure is that ye be contermaundyd to stay your selfs and nombre to tarry at home for this tyme, notwithstanding my lordes lettres sent unto you for preparacon towards the borders, wherefore I desyer you to send me agane by this berer my said lords lettres to you directyd for preparacon towards the borders afforesaid for so I am comaundyd to receyve them of you that be contremaundyd and my sayd lord haith wryttyn to me that his lettres nowe sent to me shalbe our dyscharge in this behalf. Frome Sessay this xx day of February.

The names of certen gents that muste be contremaundyd

The Mayor of the Citie of York, John Donnyngton, Frauncis Haystyngs, John Aske, Christofer Thyrkell, Sir John Melton, Hewe Werall, John Lambart, Maiour of Doncaster, Charles Jakson, Sir Henry Everyngham.

fo. 37b. **The Earl of Cumberland's claim.**

To the lord Mayour and his Bredren of the Citie of York yeve this; after hartie comendacons this shalbe to advertise you that forsomuche as I perceve that ye have appoyntyd amongs others certen of my servaunts to be in redynes to set forwards to the borers by your commandement I marvell not a lytle that ye will presume to command any of them therwith seying that bothe ye and all other within the Citie of York be at myne assigment to do the Kings majestie servyce, whiche thyng appertenyng to myn inheritaunce I do not intend to dyscontynue any moore then any other of myne aunsetours have done heretofore, but dowte ye not but seyng ye prove my pacyence so muche I shall so provyde that bothe ye and all your Bredren shall wyllyng knowelege me (next under the Kings Majestie and his grace lieutenauntes in the Northe parties) to have the governaunce of the inhabitaunts within the Citie of York, not wellyng that ye shall take this for any dyscharge to demeynshe the nombre of whiche ye be commaundyd to prepare by reason of my servaunts but raither dylygently to apply my lord Lyvetenaunts commaundement an in my servaunts placs to assigne other.

At my castell of Skipton this xxiiij of Februar.

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fo. 39b. **York is to send men to Newcastle.**

1 March 35 Henry VIII (1543-4). *Present*—Peter Robinson, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

There was too lettres redd, whereof the one of them was sent frome the Kings majestie and the other frome the Duke of Suffolk is grace the tenour of whiche said lettres hereafter ensewyth.

To oure trusty and welbelovyd the Mayour, Aldermen and the Inhabitaunts of our Citie of York.

By the King.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete you well. Latting you wit that revoking nowe unto our pleasoure oute of the North Parties oure right trustie and right enterly welbelovyd Cousin and Counsaillour the Duke of Suffolk and sending forthwith thyder to supplie the place and to be our lieutenaunt ther our right (*fo.* 40) trustie and right welbelovyd Cousin and Counsellour therle of Harteford, grete Chamberleyn of England, wee have appoyntyd you to send unto our said Cousin of your servaunts and tenaunts and other withyn your rewles and offyces whiche ye have the nombre fyftie foytmen, wherof xij to be archers, every of them with a good bowe and a shaif of arros, and xxxviij to be bilmen or pikers, every of them with a good bill or a good pike, and of xv fote length at the least; wherefore our pleasour and comaundement is you shall with all diligente put your sayd nombre of men in suche aredynes as thay may be with ower said cousin of Hertford at our towne of Newcastell uppon Tyne the last day of Marche nowe next ensewing at the furthest and at ther comyng thydder to doe further as they shalbe by oure said Cousin comaundyd on oure behalf; where as money shalbe redy for the conducte and cotes of your men accordinglie. Requiryng and charging you in no wise to fale hereof as we specially truste you and as ye will aunswere for the contrary at your perill. Yeven under oure signet at oure palace of Westminster the xxv daie of February.

fo. 40b. **Another order to send 30 more men to Newcastle.**

To my loving freynds the Maiour and Brethern of York.

In my mooste hartie maner I recomend me unto you and where heretofore I wrote unto you by my lettres of the daite of the xxvth of this monnthe to send to the bordures the nombre of thyrtie and six able men, speremen or archers, all on horsbak; sithen whiche my lettres I contermaundyd you to staye the sayd nombre at home, forsomuche as the Kings majestie for certen consideracons haith appoyntyd moo horesmen to be sent to his bordures I do nowe signifie unto you that ye muste onely send the nombre of thirtie able speremen or archers all on horsebak to the bordures and to sett them forwards within six dayes after the

receypte hereof to be at Newcastell. I therefore will and requyre and neverthelesse in the Kings majestie name strately charge and commaund you that ye ymmediatlie uppon the receypts herof put in aredynes the said nombre of thirty able speremen or archars on horsbak so well horsed that thay may b able to maik exployts agaynste the Kings enymes frome tyme to tyme; at that they be at Newcastell within the said six dayes where thay shall receyve of the Kings majestie treasorer for costs and conducte money and have a capten appoyntyd for them; having in any wyse in your remembraunce to send none but suche as be well horsed and good archers. Faile ye not hereof as ye tender your duties to the Kings majestie and will aunswer to the contrary at your uttermoste perill. Frome Darnton the xxviij daye of Februarye.

Your loving freynd Charly Suffolk.[1]

fo. 41b. **Warning to the City to permit the Earl of Cumberland to lead the York soldiers.**

7 March. *Present*—Peter Robinon, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Thomas Lytster, servaunte to my lorde of Comberland dyd bring a lettre to my lorde Mayour and his Bredren, the tenour wherof here after ensewith.

To my loving freynds the lord Mayor of York and his Bredern yeve this.

After my hartie commendacon thes shalbe to advertise you that for somuche as my lorde of Cumberland and his auncytours hais of long contynnuance had conduccon of the Citie of York and membres of the same at what tyme any were ther appoyntyd to serve the Kings majestie I will desyer you to deny no suche right and auncyent custome but rather shewe your selfs therunto conformabyll for doyng the contrary you may be assuryd that the nowe Erle haif freynds redy to be medyatours unto the Kings majestie in all his laufull affayers and especially in that whiche towchith any suche approved tytle and right; and thus hartely fayer you well. Frome Northallerton this vj day of Marcii.

Yours assured Charley Suffolk.

fo. 43b. **30 Archers sent to the Earl of Hertford.**

To the right honourable and ther singuler good lorde the Erle of Hertford, the Kings majestie Lieutenaunte in thyes Northe Parties be this delyveryd.

Ryght honorabill and our singuler good Lorde our duties remembryd in oure mooste harty maner wee recomend us unto your

[1] *fo.* 41. The Council inform the Duke of Suffolk of the King's letter and say that they cannot possibly supply the Dukes requirements in addition to those of the King unless they can draw from the Ainsty wapentake.

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Lordeship; signyfieng your said Lordeship that at the specyall commaundment of the Kings majestie gevyn to us in wryting by the right honourabill the Duke of Suffolk is Grace who was laitely his grace Lieutenaunte in the Northe parties we have sent to your good lordship the nombre of thirty able archers on horsebak to the bordures, whos names this berer shall delyver to your lordship in wrytyng; besuching your said Lordship to be good lord unto them and the raither at oure requests for somuche as they according to ther mooste bounden dewties of allegyaunce as of good mynde and willing to serve the Kings highnes in his warres, as knowith our lord God, who long contynue you in honour. From the Citie of York this xjth day of Marche.

Yours assuryd, Peter Robynson, Mayour of the Citye of York and his bredren, Aldermen of the same.

fo. 45. **City Ordinances.**

12 March 35 Henry VIII (1543-4). *Present*—Peter Robinson, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that certen artycles shalbe devysed and proclamyd for the eommon well of this Citie.

Furste that all those that bryngith any corne to this Citie to be sold shall sell the same corne in the markett place of the said Citie and in no comon streits nor within no howse uppon payne of every one of them that dothe the contrary shall pay a fyne therefore after the quantytie of ther trespace in that behalf.

Also that no corneseller by them selfs nor yet by ther servaunts nor factours at any tymes hereafter doe take uppon them to oppen any sekk or poke to sell any maner of kynd of grane within the market place of this Citie before that the corne bell hangyng in the market place of the Payment be rong at x of the clok, and that none of the corne sellers (*fo.* 45b) nor ther servaunts nor factours prevely nor oppenly doe take uppon them to sell any maner of corne to any of the comon bakers of this Citie nor to any strangers or stranger before one of the clok be smyttyn of Owsbrige every market day in the weke, uppon payne of forfatour of all suche grane and corne so boght and sold contrary this proclamacon.

Also that no fraunchest man of this Citie doe take uppon hym or them frome hensefurth to sett any stalle within any market place of this said [City[, but that thay shall sell the ther wayres onely in ther shoppes; and who so that dothe contrary this proclamacon shall pay to the said Common Chamber for every suche offence vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Also that no person nor persons whiche are common sellers of wollon clothe or lynnen clothe or of any other maner of wares or marchauntdyses at any tyme after this proclamacon shall putt to sale any of the clothe or wares to any straungers or stranger

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within this Citie, whiche is comonly callyd—forren boght and forren sold—agaynste the auncyent graunts, statuts and ordynauncs of this said Citie; and by reason of suche bieng and sellyng the sayd clothe and all other marchaundyses, forren boght and forren sold, within this Citie, is to be takyn and seasyd to thuse of the Comon Chamber of this sayd Citie, provyded always that this proclamacon shalnot in any wyse extend to the hurte or damage to any person or persons that hereafter shall bryng to this Citie wollen clothe (*fo.* 46) or lynnen clothe of ther owen proper making to sell, and beyng but of a smalle quantitie or substance, but that it be laufull to all person or persons at all tymes hereafter when that they shall repare and come to this sayd Citie with any wollen clothe that they shall furthwith resorte and goo to the Thursday markett of the sayd Citie and ther to putt ther sayd clothe to saill, without any penaltie, forfatours or contradicon in that behalf. And if any person or persons go hawking aboute this Citie with ther clothe or other wayes to sell contrary the auncyent custome and ordynaunce of this said Citie, that they shall pay to the Comon Chamber for every suche offence iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Also that all fraunchest men of this Citie that dwellyth furthe of this sayd Citie shall come to dwell and inhabyte within the sayd Citie, or ells to take a howse within the same Citie before Whytsonday next and to beare and pay all maner of charges as a freman oght to doe uppon payne of leasyng of ther fredome of this sayd Citie.

fo. 47. **Soldiers for the borders.**

13 March 35 Henry VIII (1534-4). *Present*—Peter Robinson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

My lord Mayour by the advyse of his Bredren dyd name and appoynt in every paryshe certen fotemen, sowgers, to be at Newcastell the last day of this moneth of Marche with the right honourable Therle of Hertford.

fo. 47b.

To my loving friend the lord Maior of York.

After my hartie recomendacons, where as heretofore ye mayd suyte unto me to be dyschargyd of the L men appoynted by vertue of the Kings majestie lettres to you addressed the laste of this instant, ye shall understand that forasmoche as you have mayde to the borders al[r]eady xxx men I am contentyd so that you send hither to me xx men more to make up your nombre alredy here and to dyscharge you of the reaste, always forseen that those twenty men be of the best men you have, well furnyshed and appoynted, and to be with me here at the sayd daye prefixed in his Majesti

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said lettres. Thus fayer you well. At Newcastell the xiiij day of Marche.

Your lovinge freynd E. Hertford.

fo. 49.

To the right honourable and hi singuler good lord Therle of Hartford, the Kings majestie Lieutenaunt in the Northe Parties.

Right honourable and my singuler good Lord, my dewtie remembryd in my mooste hartie maner I recommend me unto your good Lordship; please it the same to know that according to the tenour of your lordship last lettres sent to me and daytyd at Newecastell the xiiijth of this instant of Marche I have sent men of warre, whiche maks upp the nombre of fyftie men, according to the Kings majestie lettres, whose names this berer shall delyver to your sayd lordshop in wryting. Bothe I and my Bredren thanks your good lordship for your kyndnesse showyd to us, besuchyng your lordship always to consyder that we muste kepe and defend the Citie of York nowe in tyme of warre as it haithe beyn accustomyd in tymes paste. And thus our lorde God evermore contynnue you our said synguler good lorde in honour. At the Citie of York under the sealle of myne office of the Maryaltie of the same the xxiiij of Marche.

Your assured, Peter Robynson, Mayour of York.

fo. 49b. **A Vacant Post. Applications and recommendations.**

To his loving and worshipfull freynd the lorde Mayour of York for the tyme beyng and to the Aldermen and Shereffs of the same.

After my hartie commendacons this shalbe to desyer you to further the sute that myne attourney and freynd Crystofer Smyth of the Kings majestie eschequyer hauth mayd unto your bredren, nowe beyng Burgeises of the Parliament, concernyng the fee that one William Cowper lait hadd of your Cittie nott doubting but he shalbe as mete and hable to serve you in that rowme [as] any other that shall make laboure to yon for the same. And your thus doyng the rather at the contemplacon hereof I shalbe as right gladd to gratifie you with any other pleasure that may ly in me. Thus right hartely fare you well.

From the Kings majesties pallace at Westminster the iiijth day of Marche.

Your loving frend Russell.

fo. 50b.

To the right worshipfull Master Robynson, lorde Mayer of the Citie of York this be delyverd with spede.

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Right worshipfull Master Robynson after my mooste hartiest maner I have me recommended unto you and to my lady, your bedfellow, sertefieng you that Master William Cowper, the whiche was attourney in the Kings eschequyer for your lordship and the Shirryffs of this Citie of York to make your proffers for you is nowe diseasyd, whose soule God pardon, wherefore I hartely desyer you to be so good unto me at this my sute to prefarre a frynd of myne, whiche is one of that office that Master Cowper was of, my kynseman whose name is Rychard Tebold to be your attourney ther in like maner as Maister Cowper was and to have your fee of the Citie in like maner as Maister Couper hadd. For he is a veray honest man and one that will take as myche payne in your busynes and affayres there as any man will doe and he haith good knowelege and can doe well. And I pray you to be so good in this matter as you wold have me to doe any thing at your request here for it lieth in yowe and the Sherryffs to prefarre hym, and I thynk ther is no body that haith as yit made suyte unto you herein, wherefore my onely truste is that you wyll doe for hym as ye wold that I shall do for you in like case and where peradventur you shall have some lettre to you or to any other of the Citie frome his Maister, Maister Clement Smyth, Maister Hyde, or any other hede offycer of that Courte in the preferment of any other, if it please you to make aunswere that you have promysed my sayd freynd before, I doo knowe that they wilbe as well contentyd that he shall have it as any other. And he wold have gottyn ther lettres but onely that I truste that this my lettre shalbe sufficyent. Forthermore he haith sent you a coppy by this berer of your lettre of attourney, the whiche ye ar wonte to send upp yerely to Maister Couper to make your proffers[1] at Eiaster and other things therin contenyd, desyering you to send upp a like lettre of attorney this Eister for my sayd kynseman Rychard Tebold after your olde custome. And thus Almyghtie Jesu preserve you and kepe yowe in helth to his pleasour

Frome London the vjth day of Marche by yowres to comaund to his powr William Preston.

fo. 55.

To the right worshipfull Maister Robynson, lorde Mayour of the Citie of York and to my Maisters the Aldermen and his Brethern—this be delyveryd with spede.

After my hartie commendacons as one not moste acquayntyd with you; these may be to requyer you and also to reduce unto your remembrances that where one of myne office callyd William Cowper (whose sole Jesu pardon) was lait of your fee as your attourney in thesechequyer who I truste right well and honestlie

[1] Proffers. Provisional payments of estimated dues unto the Exchequer by a Sheriff or other officer at certain appointed times.

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servyd you ther and dyscharged your busynes duryng his lyf; and forasmuch as you yit, for any thyng that I can lerne, be nott fully resolvyd of your attourney in the sayd courte; and although I thynk you have hadd sume greater mens lettres than myne in the favour of suche as mayd suyte unto them yit I doubte not I beyng a mean offycer can sumwhat instructe you that many of your causes have, doe and shall depend in my office; wherefore if ye all my Maisters will at my power sute graunt your sayd fee joyntlie unto my cosyn Cristofer Smyth for whome I knowe you have sute and unto Rychard Tebold of myn office whiche too I doubte nott shall so serve you and doe your busynes in the sayd Eschequyer that you shalnot onelie therby be well acquyted and ther dyschargyd and fynd my poore counsell therin good and for your proffett, but you also therby shall bynd me to mynystre unto you suche gratytude (my dewtie remembryd) as may lie in my power and pore office; He beste knowing who evermore preserve you all to his pleasoures and your hartes mooste desyeres. Frome London this xjth of June by yours.

Clement Smyth, one of the remembrancers in the Kings Majestie Eschequyer at Westminster.

fo. 54. **Appointment of Attorney.**

To the right trustie and welbelovyd Maister Crystofer Smyth and Maister Rychard Tebold of the Kings Eschequyer be this delyvered.

Right welbelovyd as unaquayntyd, in our full hartie maner wee recommend us unto you bothe, signyfieng you that at the contemplacon of the lettres of our specyall good lorde, the lorde Privey seyll, and of dyverse other lettres laitley to us directyd in bothe your favours, therefore at this present wee have auctoryshyd and mayd you bothe our attourneys joyntly in the Kings courte of Eschequyer as you shall more playnly perceyve by one lettre of attourney whiche wee have sent you at this tyme. And for your payment takyng in that office to have the profit accustomyd eqally betwixt you, like wyse as Maister William Couper hadd, whose soule God pardon, desyering you bothe for to luyke substaneyally of oure matters in the sayd Courte for ower dyscharge this yere; and in so doyng wee doubte nott but that ye shall contynue and have the sayd office like as your predecessours have done in tymes past. And thus hartely fayre you well. Frome the Citie of York this xxth of June.

Peter Robynson, Mayor of York.

William Bekwith and
William Cowpland } Shyreyffs of the same.

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fo. 50. **Report of M.Ps.**

2 April 35 Henry VIII (1544). *Present*—Peter Robinson, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Maister Hogeson and Maister Gayle, beyng Citizens at the Kyngs high courte of Parliament for this City and came home yisterday, whiche was the furst of thys instaunt Aprill, shewyd and declaryd what acts of Parlyament ys lyke to passe at the endyng of the Kyngs high courte of Parlyament when that that shalbe ayther endyd or prorogyd at the brekyng up of the seyd courte before the feyst of Eyster next commyng, for at ther commyng frome London the sayd high courte of Parlyament was not then dissolvyd, so that the Kyngs majestie pleasour as yit ys not knoune howe many acts shalbe passed by hys Majestie royall assent.

fo. 51. **Grain regulation. Corpus Christi Procession.**

Thursday, 15 May 36 Henry VIII (1544). *Present*—Peter Robinson, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sherrifs, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that every freman of this Citie that bryngith any maner of grane to the Kings staith shall come to my lord Mayour for the tyme beyng for a price of all suche grane and that they nor noon for them carry any of ther sayd grane frome the Kings staith before the Setterday market be doon; then it shalbe laufull to the owners of any suche grane to take ther said grane at ther pleasoure.

Item it is further agreyd that for the honour of God and worship of this Citie the Maister of Corpus Crysty guyld and the prests beyng of the same gild, with all other prests that goyth procession uppon fryday the morro after Corpus Crysty day shall goo in the sayd procession in coopes of the best that can be gottyn within the sayd Citie, and that every howseholder that dwelleth in the hye way ther as the sayd procession procedith shall hang before ther doores and forefronts bedds and coveryngs of bedds of the best that thay can gytt and strewe before ther doores resshes and other suche flowers and strewing as they thynke honeste and clenly for the honour of Godd and worship of this Citie. And this to be fyrmely kept hereafter uppon payn of every man that dothe the contrary this agrement shall forfait and pay to the Common Chambre iij^{s} iiij^{d}

fo. 52. **Defective horses.**

27 May 36 Henry VIII (1544). *Present*—Peter Robinson, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

My lord Maiour shewyd too severell lettres the tenours whereof hereafter ensuyth.

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To my loving freynd, Peter Robynson, lorde Mayer of the Citie of York yeve this.

After hartie commendacons, this is to advertise you at where as one, Ambros Nanson of York was sette forthe and appoyntyd to doe the Kings majestie servyse in Scotland, forsomuche as the said Ambros haithe beyn in Scotlond and hys horse haith faylyd hym and is dead so that he was constrenyd to hyer another horse of his owen costes and charges to serve the Kings majestie withall, desyeryng you to se hym allowyd of his costes and to forther hym with an other horse to serve the King appon, and in your so doyng I shall cause you to have thankes for the fortheraunce of the Kings servyce. And thus right hartely fayer you well.

From the Kings majestie castell at Alnwyk the xxij of Maye
Rauf Evers.

And that he be with me this daye xiiij dayes.

fo. 52b.

To my lorde Mayer of York delyver this with spede.

My lorde in right hartie wyse this shalbe to advertyse you that where my lord Warden dyd assyngne ten of your men of York to me to doe the Kings majestie servyce as well in Englond as in Scotlond, whiche men is not so well horsed as neyde requyreth in that behalf; wheruppon I will desyer you and in the Kings majesties name command you to see them so horsed as thay may be able to mayke exployts agaynste the Kings enymyes frome tyme to tyme when thay shalbe callyd upon. In like wyse I pray you send me a good archer for George Comondale, he is hurte and not able to labore. Faill you not hereof at your perill iiij able horses. At Whittyngam the xx day of Maye.

By your assuryd frend Wylliam Inglyby.

Be it knawen by thes that I William Ingilby esquyer; Captayn of the Kyngs garryson at Whyttyngham have lycensed Thomas Bowes and George Comendell to go home to amend them of horse to doe the Kings servyce and that thay and ayther of them be here with me agayne at Whyttyngham within eight days next after the dayt hereof and nott to faille therof at ther further jeperdy. Wrytten at Whittyngham the xxiij day of May

Wylliam Inglyby.[1]

[1] On fo. 53b. Ralph Eure writes from Newcastle on 28 May to the lord Mayor asking for fresh horses for James Maltby and his fellows, who are "very honeste men and haith done the King's majestie good servyce."

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fo. 56. **A riot.**

1 July 36 Henry VIII (1544). *Present*—Peter Robinson, Mayer, and 7 others.

At whiche day the sayd presens sessyd the fynes of Thomas Vavasour of Copmanthorp, gent., and other viij persons that was indytyd with hym of riote done by his comaundment at the sessions of pease holdyn at the Comon Hall of fryday in the second weke of Lent xxxv Henry VIII.[1]. . . . . .

fo. 57. **Illegal toll taking.**

A Chantry priest forfeits his Salary.

17 July 36 Henry VIII (1544). *Present*—Peter Robinson, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 11 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff and 1 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that so oftyn tymes as Thomas Mason doyth of his owne wrong presume and taike appon hym to tayke and gidder of any of the Kyngs subjects any gaitelay or any other tolle at Bootham barre or in any other place within the libertyez and perambulacon of this City contrary the auncyent usage in prejudyce and breche of the libertyes and fraunchcys of this City that so often tymes my sayd lord Maiour and his successours to commyt the sayd Thomas Mason and all other that hereafter shall commyt lyk offence to prison ther to remayne and to be punnysshed after the quantyte of his or ther offence in ther behalf.

Forsomyche as the prest of Fossebryg doyth not his servyce accordyng to his composycon, therefore it ys fully concludyd that his stypend and salary, whiche that he hathe yerely of the Common Chambre of this City shalbe stoppyd and deteyned unto suche tyme that he doe his dewty accordyng to the said composicon; and the seid prest to showe the seid composicon.

fo. 57b. **Commission for Musters.**

To my very loving frendes my lorde Mayour, Shyrryffs and Aldermen of the Citie of York and to Sir William Fayrfax and Sir Robert Stapulton, Knyghts, and every of them, and to all other Justics of peace within the Countie of the Citie of York.

After my right hartie commendacons; for asmuche as the Kings majestie before his goyng owte of this realme to the warres agaynste Fraunce mooste prudentlie weyng the suertie of this his majestie sayd realme with the preservacon of good rewle and order within the same resolved to have generall musters takyn of his highnes people in all shiers and counties; and for that purpose haith addressyd not onelie commyssions to all Justics of peace but also speciall lettres and instruccons to certen chosen men in

[1] Vavasor was fined 2s. and the others 1s. each.

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every shier within the realme, saving in those shiers and counties beyng within the lymyts of my commyssion of Lieutenaunt, whiche it haith pleasyd his Majestie to reserve to me and haith comaundyd me to see his gracyous pleasoure executed in those shyers as well for the generall musters of his people within the same as also for the preservacon of good rule and order. According to the said instruccons I have therefore thought good to send unto you a coppy of the said instruccons and therwith to addresse unto you thees my lettres to requyer you and neverthelesse on the Kings majestie behalf doe charge you and every of you to see theeffect of his Highnes said lettres of instruccons bothe for the musters and also for the preservacon of good rule and ordre in [the] Countie of the Citie of York to be furthwith put in execucon, as well within liberties as offices of all mens of what condicon so ever thy be accordinglie, and to make due certyficate therof unto me with all diligence to thintent I may certefie the same agane to the Quenes grace, generall regent of the realme, and to the Privey Counsell attendaunt uppon her grace, wher with I shall not faill to advertyse the same of your good servyce and diligence used in his behalf in suche sorte as appertenyth (*fo.* 58). Faill ye nott thus to doe as ye tendre thadvauncement of the Kings majestie affayres and woll aunswere to the contrary at your perills.

Frome Darneton the xxiij of July.

Your lovyng frend Frauncis Shrewesbury.

By the King.

Trustie and welbelovyd we grete you well; and where we advauncyng in our personne with our army roiall against our auncient enemy the Frenche Kyng have resolved that generall musters shalbe hadde and mayd in all places of this our realme as well within liberties as withoute and for thaccomplishement of that our resolucon have at this point addressed our commission under our great seale unto you and others of that our Countie of the Cytie of York we late you witt that knowyng your towardnes and good sarcumspection for advauncement of our service specially in suche things as shalbe by us commited unto you we have appon a verey speciall trust and confidence which we have in you named you and chosen you befor many others as well to se our said commission for takyng the said musters executed in suche diligent wise and quiet sorte as shall apperteyne as also to have further respecte and regard to the good ordre of that our Countie according to suche instruccons as we send unto you herewith as otherwise as your good discrescions shall seme mete and convenient; wherfore our pleasure and commaundment is that causyng all the Justices of peace and other named in our said Commission to our assemble to gither in plac convenient with all diligence ye

shall cause them to devid them selves into suche parties and quarters of the shire as our said commission mae be executed with all dextertye and at the sayd assemble ye shall also oppen theffects of oure sayd instruccons to them or to suche of them as ye shall think moste meat to have charg comittid unto them for the conservacon of the good ordres and common peace of that our Countie in suche sorte as we may receyve spedie certificat of the said commission with a plane declaration of the nombers of hable men within our said Countie, bothe horssemen and footemen, and also of able horsses, harnes and weapon; and by experience se that you (*fo.* 58b) conseder theffecte of the said instruccons accordinglie. The said certificat to be directid to our Privie Counsayll attendaunt appon our mooste deare and moost enterlie biloved wiffe the Quene, generall regent of this our realme duryng our absence; wherof we requiere you not to fayll as we specially trust you and as ye tender advauncement of our affayres and will aunswere for the contrary at your uttermost perells. Yeven under our signet at our pallaice of Westminster the xxiii day of Julye.

fo. 59. **Instructions for raising the Musters.**

How to act in case of invasion.

Furste, his Majesties pleasoure is that the sayd lorde Mayour, Shyrryffes and Aldermen of the Citie of York callyng to them Sir William Fayrfax and Sir Robert Stapulton, knyghts, and other Justices of peace within the Countie of the sayd Citie of York and other as be namyd in the Kings majestie commyssion herewith addressed unto them shall declare and reyde the same unto them, and that doon shall make an appoyntment and devysion of themselves into suche parties of the said shere as ye shall thinke mooste mete for the spedie and due execucon of the sayd comyssion in suche sorte as a certyficate may be mayde of the same with all dyligence; in whiche certyficate thay muste remembre to expresse howe many hable men be in every hundred, howe many of the same be good and hable archers, howe many be bilmen, howe many of them be furneshed with harnes, boues, arros and weapons convenyent, and howe many hable horses ther be in every hundred, to serve in case of neyd, taking ordre that all the same men, horses, harnes and weapons may be in a redynes to sett furth and to be used uppon one howers warnyng not onelie for the defence frome tyme to tyme of the countre adjoinyng to suche places as by the burnyng of beakons or other wyse may appere requysite but also otherwise to sett forwardes uppon like warnyng in suche sorte as it shall pleas the Kings majestie or the Quenes highnes, regent of our realme in his gracyous absence, or the right honorable Erle of Shrewsbury, the King majestie Lieutenaunt generall in the North parties to appoynt.

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And where the sayd lorde Mayor, Shirryffs and Aldermen shall fynd lakk of harnes or weapon to take order that all such as be bound by the lawes or statuts of this realme to furnyshe themselfs therwith shall prepare the same within tyme convenyent.

(*fo.* 59b) Item they shall have specyall regard to se the watches as well in townes and vyllages as also the see watches of the beakons duelie kepte, and that they doo also take order that suche Justices of the peace and other as be inhabited uppon or next the see costs do diligentlie viewe the shores alongs the see syde and cause tholde trenshes, bulwarks of erthe and suche like defences to be preparyd or to be mayde newe with thelpe of the countre where they shall thynke mooste neydefull.

Item that they shall also take order that suche as dwell in any countrey nere adjonyng to the see coosts be also instructyd that if thay shall see any nombre of shypps of thenemys hovering uppon the coosts or preparyng to land, if ye said shipps excede not the nombre or vij or viij whiche can holde no greate nombre of men they shall put them self in order with the prete[1] of the countre ther abouts to resyste and beat them frome ther landing; but if the nombre of shipps of thenemyes be muche greater than is before expressyd so as it is thought that the contry at hand shalnot be hable to geve them repulse then they shall breke all brygges and caste trenshes at the straytes where thenemyes myght entre unto the country and devyse all meanes howe to stay them frome any further entre ttyll more ayde may come unto them fore seyng that thay dryve ther cattell inward and convay all things frome the place in daunger that thenemyes fynde in no wyse any releyfe or succour.

Item for asmuche as thenemyes wyll many tymes shewe in one place whan they intend and enterprise in an other and somtyme make a face of landing where they mynde it nott, the sayd Lorde Mayour, Shyrryffs and Aldermen shall take order for the instruccons of others not to be over haistie in the fyering of beakons, whereby all they countres abowte shalbe raysed, one lesse thay see in dyede appayraunce and certen cause of the same.

(*fo.* 60). Item it is thought convenyent that the sayd Lord Mayour, Sherryffs and Aldermen calling to them suche Justices of peace and others as shalbe thought convenyent shall at the least ones in every month assemble them selfs togydder in the shyer, townes and other mooste notable townes and places in the said countie and the same assembles diligentlie inquyer of all mysdemeanours within the same and specyally of unlaufull assembles, ryotes, vacabunds and breaking of the peace, and that with all diligence gyve order for the reformacon of all suche mysdemeanours as the caise shall requyer, not suffering any suche notable mysdemeanours, especially if it be ryott, unlaufull assemble,

[1] Prete: so written.

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brekyng of the peace or suche like to remaine any tyme unpunnyshed but shall immediatly appon knowlege therof with all diligence proceyd to the remedy therof as shall apperteyne.

Item that the sayd lord Mayour, Shyrryffs and Aldermen shall take order and have respecte that clothyers, all artifycers and suche other as have servaunts by contynnuance or otherwise kepe the same in laboure, good order and obedyence.

Item at they shall at the leaste ones every moneth or more often if any occacon shall requyer, certefie in wryting to the Quenes highnes generall regent of the realme in the Kings majesties absence and to the Counsell attendaunte uppon her grace as well the state and condicon of the sayd Countie and of ther proceding towching the premysses as also all suche other thyngs as shall occure of aryse worthie advertisment within the same.

fo. 60b. **Arrangements for the Musters.**

Thursday, 31 July 36 Henry VIII (1544).

Memorand, the day and yere abovesayd the right worshipfull Peter Robynson, Mayour of the Citie of York and his bredren Aldermen of the same, Shyrryffs and xxiiij assemblyd in the Counsell Chambre in the Comon Hall of that sayd Citie, when and where they callyd before them Sir Wylliam Fayrefax, Knyght, and Sir Robert Stapylton, knyght, and then and there was redd the Kings commyssion and the lettre of the lorde of Shrewesbury and also the instruccons before wryttyn concernyng the musters to be takyn within the Countie of the Citie of York, and the same well harde and understand; theruppon it was agreyd by the sayd persons that uppon monday next, that is to say, the iiijth day of Auguste next, muster shuld be takyn of the one partie of the Aynstie before the sayd Sir William Fayrfax, knyght, John Northe and Robert Paycoke, Aldermen, and William Bekwith,one of the Shyrryffs, uppon Colton moor; and the other parte of the Aynstie to muster the same day before the sayd Robert Stapylton, knyght, William Dogeson and William Holme, Aldermen, and William Cowpland, one of the Sheryffs of the sayd Citie, uppon Huton moor, according to the Kings comyssion directyd for that purpose.

(*fo.* 61). Memorand. that every connstable be warnyd on the Kings behalf to bring before Sir William Fayrfax, knyght, John North etc. . . . every man within the connstabulary betwixt the aige of sextie and sexteyn to mustre in ther beste armore with horse and harnes, and all other havyng no horse nor harnes and able for the warre personally to appere before the sayd Commissioners uppon monday next at ix of the clokk before noone uppon Colton moor and the connstables to have the names redy in wryting of all the said persons that shalbe warnyd by them to appere.[1]

[1] Similar order for the other part of the Ainsty.

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Payment of the Subsidy.

Letter to the Archbishop of York.

1 September 36 Henry VIII (1544). *Present*—Peter Robinson, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 of the xxiv.

To the mooste reverend father in God and his especiall good lorde the lorde Archebusshop of York.

Right honourable and my speciall good Lorde in my hartie maner I commend me unto your Grace; pleas it the same to knowe that the Kings majestie commyssion for the second payment of the subsydie laitlie grauntyd to his Highnes by acte of Parliament was sent to me by my lorde Precident yisternyght and for somyche as your Grace is furste named therin I have sent the said commyssion at this present to your said Grace by my officer, this berer, to thintent that I wold be right glad to know when it shall please your Grace for to appoynt to putt the same in execucon. My sayd lorde Precedent is nowe ryddyn to my lorde Lieutenaunt and his lordship thynks it mete and expedient to assemble oureselfs at York of weddynsday come a sennett for that purpos; as knoweth oure Lorde God, who long contynue you, my sayd especiall good Lorde, in honour.

Frome the Citie of York this furst of September.

Your Grace is assuryd, Peter Robynson, Maiour of the Citie of York.

fo. 62b.

By the Quene Regent

Trustie and welbelovyd we greete youe well; and lat you wit that being by the goodnes of my lorde the Kings majestie deputed generall Regent of this his highnes realme during his majesties absens we have nothing wordly more at harte then that the charge committed unto us in this behalf may in all parties be so discharged as to his majestes honour and just contentacion and the continuance of good ordere in this his highnes Roelme shall apperteyne; and therfor in remembryng amongs othere things that the tyme appointed for the execucon and levying of the secounde payment of the said subsidie graunted to my said soverand Lorde by auctorytie of Parlyament nowe approchith we have thought good for the speciall trust and confidence whiche we have perceyved that his Majestie hath conceyved of your wisdomes, dexterites and fidelyties to name you with others to be our Commysoners for that Countie, whare you be inhabitid, We have privatly for the same purpose addressed unto you his Graces commission under his great seale wherefore by case we dowt not but you woll use and employ your wisdoms and dexterities to see thacte of the said subsidie put in suche due and full execucon as his

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Majeste may be duly and fully answered, according to the porport of the same, lovingly and truly. So we desyer you to use suche cyrcumspections in deviding yourselfes and the rest of the commissoners jonyd with you in to sondry partes for the more expedecion as ther may be in every party and quarter at the least one of suche discrecon, auctoryte and credit as may be able in execucon of the same acte to do unto his Majeste suche acseptable service as (*fo.* 63) the due consideracon of the tyme and the unportable chargs his Highnes as to all there knowlege requirith.

Yeven under our signett at the Kings Majeste, my lorde house of Hampton Court, the xixth day of August.

To our trustie and welbeloved the Kings majestie my lords commissioners for the subsidie within that his Highnes Countie of the Citie of York.

fo. 63b. **Testimony to franchisement.**

12 September 36 Henry VIII (1544).

Marmaduke Smyth of the Citie of York, vestment maker, of the aige of xl yeres or ther abouts, sworne and examynyd by the right worshipfull Peter Robynson, Mayour of the Citie of York, concernyng the francheshyng of one Robert Walter of the sayd Citie whiche Marmaduke confessyth and sayth that he and the sayd Robert Walter was in Heworth uppon plewe[1] day last past at one howse in the sayd towne, whereas Peter Gray and William Bacheler, butcher, with dyvers other honeste persons of the Citie was makyng merry to gydders and then and ther the sayd Robert Walter and Marmaduke Smyth desyeryd the sayd Peter Gray to say the truthe that he knowith concernyng the franshesyng of the sayd Robert Walter that yere that he was one of the Chamberleyns of this Citie; and theruppon the sayd Peter Gray sayd unto the sayd Marmaduke that he wold make good as a true cristen man oght to doo that the sayd Robert Walter was a trewe fraunshyst man of this Citie and that he payd his money for the same in the Chamber of Owsebrig unto Maister Standevyn and Maister Glen, two of the Chamberlins, and other moo beyng ther, but what the somme of money was he can nott tell.

fo. 66b. **The Tapiters. No riding of the bounds this year.**

Monday 27 October, 1544. *Present*—Peter Robinson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

The hole occupacons of tapitours putt in wryting to my lorde Mayor and his Bredren the names of six persons of ther occupacon, whereuppon my lorde Mayor and his Bredren tuke iiij of them to be serchers and wardens of ther occupacon for this yere following;

[1] Pleweday. Plough Monday was the first Monday after Twelfth-Day.

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and the sayd occupacon to bryng in ther sealls before my lorde Mayor and his Bredren before Saynt Androday next whereby every mans stuff shallbe known and sealyd frome hensefurth.

Item it is agreyd that my lorde Mayor shall gyve sparyng in rydyng of the bounds of this Citie for this yere, consyderyng the great floyds and waters whiche makyth suche depe wais that such bounds cannot be convenyent shyddyn.[1]

fo. 67b. **Collection of the subsidy to be hastened.**

To our trusty and welbelovyd the Commyssioners of our Citie of York.

By the King.

Trusty and welbelovyd wee grete you well; and where wee laitly addressyd forth our comyssion with the lettres of our derest wyf the Quene to you and others for the taxacon of the second payment of our subsidie within that our Citie of York with full auctorytie to name high and lowe collectors for the gathering and leviyng of the same to our use, we latt you wytt that for sundry great and urgent consideraccons us moving our pleasoure and strait commandement is that imydiatlie uppon the sight of thies our lettres ye and every of you dividing yourselffs and callyng before you suche collectors as have beyn appoyntyd for the gathering and leviyng to us of our sayd subsidie shall taike suche speydie ordre with the same as they fail nott to come undelaydly with the sommes of money appoyntyd to ther collection and make payment of the same with all possible diligence accordingly. Requyeryng you textend your diligencs and good dexterities for the spedie accomplishement of our pleasour in this behalf as ye tender thavauncement of our affayres and as we specially truste you.

Yeven under our signet at our palace of Westminster the ix day of Novembre the xxxvjth yere of our reigne.

fo. 68. **York Merchants blamed for not providing ships.**

To my veray loving freendes my lorde Maiour of the Citie of York and his Bredren and the inhabitaunts of the same.

After my harty commendacon you shall undrestond that the Kings majestie heeringe what attemtats have beyne latele doone by the Scotts upon thies Northe seas to the great damaige and annoyaunce of his highnes subjects like as his Majestie is verie sorie to here that anie of his lovinge subjects shold suffer anie suche losse or hinderaunce, so that his Majestie dothe not a litle marvaile that you the marchaunts and inhabytaunts of the Citie of York who by this means have and doo susteyne greate hinderaunces

[1] This is evidently a mistake made by the copyist; it should be "convenyently ryddyn."

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and myght with no greate charge have provided for the same, have not all this yere manned nor sett forthe to the seas anie vessells for defence of your oune goods and trasure, for if you had emploide some partie of youre vessells to the warres for youre owne defence as his Majestie subjects have doone and yet doo in sondrie oodre parties you shold not onlye have escaped those losses wiche you doo nowe susteyne but also by that meanes have kept the seas open and have continued your occupienge to thonoure of his Majestie and moche to youre owne benefiets, wherfore his Majestie haithe commaunded me to will you to doo as oodres have doone all this yere and yet doo in manie oodre partes of this realme; assuring you ther arr at the least of the west parts xiiij or xvj shipps of warr abrode at there owne chargs and aventures who have goten this yeare so to his said Majestie it is credible reported amongs them not so litle as tenne thousand pounds. The towne of Rye haithe all this yere had iiij or v vessells abrode for the warres and gayned verie moche bu it. The men of Northfolche and Suffolche have during all this hirring tyme sett forthe vessells of there owne costs for washinge of the fissher men; and seeng that oother have doone and doo as I have heretofore written whereby theye fynd lucre and kepe the seas open for there profetts I shall advise you to shewe your selfs loving subjects to his Majestie and to take suche oordre that the lyke may be doone by you as is doone in oodre parts of the realme and so use your selffs in this behalfe as his Majestie have no occasion to conceive no worse opinion in you then in oodre afore reheresed; and in your so dooing I assure yt woll redounde (*fo.* 68b) bothe to his Majesties honore and contentacion to your oune benyfiets and greate profetts herafter and also to the annoyaunces of his Majesties enemies; and what you woll doo herein I praie you certifie me with diligence to thentent that I maye advertise his Majestie therof, not doubtyng but that suche shipps as you woll sett furthe shalbe so manned and furnished as theye may bee the better able to encountre with thenemies and thus as he that wold gladlie thavauncement of you and your Citie I byd you hertelie faire well. Frome Darneton the xjth of Novembre 1544

Youre veraie loving freend Frauncis Shrewesbury.

fo. 69. **York has no sea going ships. The York Mint.**

To the right honorable and ther especiall good lorde, the Erle of Shrewsbury beyng the Kings majestie lieu tenaunt Generall in the Northe parties.

Right honourable and our especyall good lorde in our full humble maner wee recommend us unto your lordship; pleas it the same to knowe that wee have resavyd your mooste loving lettres datyd at Darnton the xj of November, perceyving thereby that it is the Kings majestie pleasour and yours to knowe what shippes we

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may manne and sett forth to the seas at this present, signyfieng your said lordeship that wee have no shipps nor marryners belongyng the Citie of York, but onely lightners that carryes our merchaundyses duly betwixt Hull and York, for truthe is that when wee mayke aventure beyond see we freght somme of the sayd shippes, aither of Hull, Newcastell or of somme other place, by reason that wee have no shippyng belongyng the sayd Citie; for if that wee hadd wee wold have beyn right gladd in our harts to have accompleshyd the Kings said majestie pleasour and yours in that behalf at this tyme according to our mooste boundon dewties as oure welbelovyd brother Maister Robert Paycok, one of the Aldermen of the sayd Citie, can more playnly enfourme your sayd lordship at large, to whome wee besuche your lordeship to gyve credence therein; and also of your lordeships goodnes to helpe that the mynt at York for coynyng may goe forward for the releving of all us the Kings poore subjects bothe of the said Citie and all the cuntree therabowts, stonding in necessytie of money. And thus the blyssed Trinitie evermore contynue you, our sayd especyally good lorde, in honour. Frome Yorke this xiijth of Novembre.

By your lordshipps owne assuryd Peter Robynson, Maiour of the Citie York and his bredren Aldermen of the same.

fo. 69b. **The King's Subsidy.**

To his right welbelovyd Maister Jamys Fox of Clyffords Inne, attourney for the Citie of York, or ells to his like welbelovyd Maister Cristofer Smyth and Maister Rychard Tebold, attourneys for the sayd Citie in the Kings Courte of Eschequyer, or to one of them, be this delyveryd with spede.

Right welbelovyd in my herty maner I commend me unto you, signyfyng you that my fellos and I beyng the Kings majestie commyssioners within the Countie of the Citie of York as concernyng the second payment of a certen subsydie laitly grauntyd to his Highnes by acte of Parliament have at this present sent you by my specyall freynd Maister Gilbert Leigh, esquyer the berer hereof, two severall extreats[1] indentyd, hartely desyering you for to delyver them furthwith uppon the receyt hereof into the Kings Courte of Eschequyer for our discharge in that behalf, as my specyall truste is in you; and thus hartely fayre you well.

Frome the Citie of York this xv of Novembre.

fo. 70.

To the right worshipfull Maister Gilbert Legh, esquyer, be this delyverd.

[1] An Estreat is a true extract, copy or note of some original writing or record especially of fines amercements etc. entered on the rolls of a court to be levied by the bailiff or other officers.

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Right worshipfull in my full hartie maner I comend me unto you and like so desyer you at the contemplacon of thees my lettres for to take so muche payne at my request nowe at your goyng upp to London as to take upp thydder with you the certificate for the Countie of the Citie of York, concernyng the second payment of a certen subsydie laitlie grauntyd unto the Kings majestie as you doo knowe. And I shalbe right gladd to requyte your paynes if it be in me to shewe you like pleasure. I am the more bolder to wryte thus homely[1] unto you in the premyssess by cause that Myles Newton, my clerk, told me that ye promysed hym to take the sayd paynes of fryday last when that you were at York. And thus our Lord God send you good spede in your journey.

Frome the Citie of York this xvth of Novembre by your assuryd.

Peter Robynson, Mayour of the Citie of York.

fo. 70b. **A Verdict of Searchers of tanned leather.**

To all true cristen people this present writyng seyng, redyng or heryng, the ryght worshypfull Peter Robynson, Mayour of the Citie of Yorke, sendyth grantyng[2] in our Lord God everlastyng; where as it ys a merytoreus thing in all matters of ambiguyte and dubte for to testefye and record the truthe therin, to thentent that truthe may have place in woiding of suyt, trouble and vexacon therfore the said Mayour by thes presents testefyes and declayres unto your unniversytes for truthe by the credeble report and sayngs of my right welbelovyd neghburs, Rychard Tesymond and Rychard Sadler of the said Citie, cordyners, beyng sersors and wardens of all the occupacon and craft of cordyners withe[3] the said Citie for this present yere that they according to ther office and by vertue of ther othes the thyrd day of August last past within the said Citie dyd seyrche fifteyn dykeyrs[4] of tannid ledder, the wiche was then brought unto the said Citie to be sold by Rychard Fletcher and Thomas Forest, twoo of the servants of John Talbott of Saylebury in the County of Lancaster, esquyers and immediatly after that the said xv dykeyrs of ledder was then and ther seyrched and markyd accordyng to the lawes of this reilme and auncyent ordynaunces of the said Citie by the said wardens and by them fownd to be well tanned and suffycyently and laufull; sinse ther appon the said Rychard Fletcher and Thomas Forest in opone markett within the said Citie put the same ledder to sayle to the moste profett and advauntage of the said John Talbott, ther maistere. In witnes hereof the said Maiour to thies presents haithe sette his sealle of office of the maryaltie of the sayd Citie the xvth day of Novembre (xxxvj Henry VIII).

[1] Word "boldly" is crossed out.
[2] So in MS.; the word should of course be "greeting."
[3] Should be "within."
[4] dykeyrs; a deker is a parcel or bundle of ten hides.

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fo. 71b.

Sale of tanned leather.
Necessary house on Ouse Bridge.

Tuesday, 9 December 36 Henry VIII (1544). *Present*—Peter Robinson, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the tanners and all other that bryngyth any tannyd ledder to be sold shall bryng all suche tanned ledder unto the Comon Hall and ther to put ther sayd ledder dry to saylle according to the Kings acts and statuts mayd for sale of tannyd ledder.

Agreyd that Agnes Grethede, wyddo, shall have payd yerely ij^{s} in money for keping cleyn the place of Owsbrige callyd the pyssing howes, and that she suffre none to lye any wodd or other noysaunce in the same, nor to caste no fylthe nor other ramell furthe of the same into the watter of Owse.[1]

fo. 72.

The Tapiters and Coverlets.

Tuesday, 16 December. *Present*—Peter Robinson, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that ther shalbe a seall mayde and ordenyd wherby the tapitours of this Citie shall seall ther coverletts and other wares that oght to be seallyd before they be sold to any person and that thay shall putt none of ther sayd wares to sale before it be seallyd with the sayd seall.

Agreyd that the serchers for the tyme beyng shall have the kepyng of the sayd seall and the sayd serchers shall pay to the Chamberleyns of this Citie for every dossan that they seall j^{d} and the Chamberleyns shall for the same delyver unto the sayd serchers the leyd and the mark for the same as neyd shall requyre and the sayd serchers shall accompte every quarter of the yere of all suche wares as thay shall serche and sealle.

Agreyd that none of the said tapitors shall from the feist of Crystynmas next to come putt any coverlett bedd or coveryng or other ware to sail but that it have a notable mark of his owen whereby his sayd coverletts and other wares shalbe well knowen by his mark.

And that the sayd serchers or some of them be reddy at all tymes uppon reasonable warnyng to seall such coverletts and other wares that oght to be seallyd and if the said serchers do seall any coverlett or other stuffe whiche dothe not kepe the full assyse and also be sufficiently wroght that the sayd sercher shall forfait to the Common Chambre of this Citie the doble value of all suche coverlett or other wares so sealyd and provyd not able.

fo. 74.

New M.Ps.

Present—Peter Robinson, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

[1] This place was situated immediately below the City Maison Dieu.

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Maister John North and Maister Robert Hall, twoo of the Aldermen of this Citie, was by the mooste voycez of the said presens electe and chosen twoo Citizens of the Countie of the Citie of York to be at the Kings majestie Court of Parliament to be holden at Westminster the xxx day of January next to come.

fo. 75. **The Earl of Cumberland's claim to be captain of the City.**

To the right honourable and ther singuler good lorde the Erle of Cumberland yeve theys.

Right honourable and owre synguler good lorde; where as your good lordeship in tymes past haith clamyd and affermyth to be of good right by tytle of inheritaunce the capteyn and ledyng of the Citizens of this Citie of York, when so ever they shall serve the Kings maigestie in his warres, and that your lordeship haith movyd us to accepte you accordynglie, your lordship shalbe well assuryd that we shalbe wylling to the same for the favour that your lordeship do beare unto us and consyderyng that we cannott be under a man to serve the King of more nobilitie than ye are, if your lordeship can by your honourable freends fynde the meanes that the Kings lettres may so be dyrectyd to us for owre dyscharge and ye shalbe sure to have a furtheraunce by owre presydents and records for to prove your auncyent tytle if we have any, and therefore we desyer your good lordeship to accept our good harts and mynds toward your lordship for the settyng furth of the same your tytle to the uttermooste of ower powers as knowith the blyssed Trinyte who evermore have you, our sayd singuler good lord in his most blyssed custody; xxiii of January.

By your assuryd Peter Robynson, Mayour of York and his bredren Aldermen of the same.

fo. 77. **Services in the chapels of Ouse bridge and Foss bridge.**

27 January, 36 Henry VIII (1544-5). For the mayntenance of divyne servyce within the chappell of Owsebryg and bycause that dyverse chauntres of Fossebryg ar dischargyd by Act of Parliament so that Sir Edward Sandall cannot accomplysshe and performe his composycons of Fossebryg at this day therfore it ys agreyd that the sayd Sir Edward shall come and help to doe divyne servyce of the sundayes and all other halledayes of Ousebryg in an honest surples and to say masse within the (*fo.* 77b) Chapell of Fossebryg as hathe been accustomyd in tymez past for the ease and commodyte of the Kyngs subjects as welle in tyme of Lent as at all other tymes.

fo. 80b. **Ships belonging to the City.**

Thes vessells belongith to the Citie of York the xx day of February 36 Henry VIII (1544-5).

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The Margaret. Robert Hikkylton and John Byrtbe, awners, having her sales and tacles, withoute ordynaunce, of xlij tonne portage.

The Wylliam. Francis Trotter, awner, having his sales and tacles, withoute ordynaunce, whiche vessell is nowe prest to Bullayn, of xxxviij tonne.

The Myghell. Mighell Bynks, awner, having his sales and tacles, withoute ordynaunce, of xxxvj tonne.

fo. 81. **Beggars.**

Present—John Bean, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd for avoyding of myghtie and valyaunt beggars forth of this Citie and suburbes acording to the Kings acts for the same. Furst that all and every constable within this Citie shall mak serche within ther constabulary for all suche beggars as haith not beyn inhabityng within this Citie thre yeres next tofore the makyng of this acte and goith aboute of beggyng and also of all other that goyth aboute beggyng within this Citie. and that every constable shall bryng to my lord Mayour at suche tyme as he shall appoynt to thentent that a good order may be hadd for the same.

fo. 82b. **Proclamation to be made about being ready to serve the King.**

By the King

Henry the eight by the grace of Godd, King of England, Fraunce and Irelond, defender of the faith and of the churche of Englond and Irelond on erthe supreme hede, to the Mayour of our Citie of York sendith greeting. Whereas for the necessary furnytour of oure Borders foranenste Scotlond the resistaunce of thinvacon of oure ennemyes in those parties and other great and weightie causes touchyng the defence of oure realme of Englond and oure subjects of the same oure Lyeutenaunt Generall in the Northe Parties hath dyrectyd of lait his lettres to certen gentylmen of this sayd Countye to repare to the said Borders with certen numbres of men appoyntyd to them in the same lettres, we therefore woll and straytlie charge and commaunde you that ye ymmediatly uppon the sight hereof do make oppen and spedy proclamacon in every markett within oure sayd Citie and Aynstie of the same that not onely all and every the sayd gentylmen whiche have or shall have or receyve any lettres frome our sayd lieutenaunts lettres do purporte to be on the Borders withe all haist and spede posybyll, and that uppon payne of death; but also that every other person or persons inhabityng within our sayd Countie betwixt sixtie and sexttyn yeres of aige able to serve in oure warres

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doe furthwith putt theymselfs in suche order and arredynes to repaire to the Borders in ther beste array for the warres as they may be redye to sett furth uppon one howres warnyng and that uppon payne of deathe. Yeven under oure signett att oure pallas at York the fourth day of Marche the xxvjth yere of oure reigne.

And by his counsaill.

fo. 83b. **Present for the Archbishop.**

Friday, 14 March 1544-5. 36 Henry VIII (1544-5). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the Comon Clerk, maceberer and ij of the Chamberleyns at thre of the clokk at afternone this same day shall go with the present to my lord Archebusshop of York at the Kings palloys, that is to say, fyve great pyks and in mayn brede v^{s}.

fo. 84. **The Creed Play.**

16 March 36 Henry VIII (1544-4). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that my lorde Mayour shall call before hym the Maister of Corpus Cristi gyld and to take an order as towchyng playng of the Creyde play as he shall thynk good for the mooste profett and avauntage of the sayd Citie.[1]

fo. 85b. **Ainsty Musters.**

23 April 37 Henry VIII (1545). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the Aynstie shalbe warnyd to apper before my lorde Mayour and his Bredren in ther beste armour with horse and harnes for the warre uppon Monday next in Knaysmyer at viij of the cloke before noon and also Myklyth ward to appere like the same day at place.[2]

fo. 86. **Threat of War; all able men to prepare.**

To my veray loving freynds, my lorde Mayour and the Shyrryffs of the Kings majestie Citie of York and Aynstie of the same.

After my right hertie commendacons unto you; where the Kings majestie is credible advertised that his auncient enemyes the Scotts and Frenche men of ther insatiable and deedly malice ageinste this realme doo entende by all meanes they can possible to doo noyaunce to the same bothe by land and see, by invasion

[1] For the Creed Play see *York Civic Records,* vol. I, p. 81; vol. II, pp. 117, 120; vol. III, pp. 12, 104.

[2] Men of the other wards of the City to appear on Tuesday in the Hall field.

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of manye armyes in suche placs in thes Northe partes as they shall think to doo moost harm, the Kings majestie lyke a most noble, prudent and corragious prince, mynding the defence and preservacon of all his loving subjects and intending furthwith to put in a redynes an armye royall for the repulsing of his said enemyes and defence of his realme reputyng you amongest other his loving subjects to be men of corage for the defence of your natyve countrey; wherfore I woll and desyre you and nevertheles in the Kings majestie name stratlie charge and commaunde you furthwithe, with all possible diligence, to put in a redynes all suche hable men as ye can make within the Countie of the Kings majestie Cytie of Yorke and the Aynstie of the same sufficiently harnished and furnished for the warres, to be chosen and pyked men, wherof the furth parte to be very good archers every of them furnished with a bowe of ewe and xxiiij arrowes in a sheff with his dagger and sworde or mall[1] of leade or iron and the rest of the said nombre to have every of them a good bill with his dagger, forseing always that as many as may be horse men, speares, archers, horses of that sourt that theer horses may be hable to serve when they shall come to the Borders; and that they may be in a redynes to marche and sett forwards the xijth day of Maye next commyng or soner uppon xij howers warning to be gyven to you and other by open proclamacon or otherwise unto such placs as then shalbe appoynted unto you there to proced further withe the leaders of the Kings said armye; geving warning unto all men to bring with hym all suche furniter of victualls and carrige as they may for there better furniter. Fayle ye not herof upon payn of your allegeaents and as ye tender the wealth of the realme.

Frome Darneton the xxj day of Aprill Your loving frend.

Frauncis Shrewesbury.

fo. 87. **Aggrieved merchants to send in claims against the Emperor.**

To our very loving freends the Mayour and other the Kings majestie officers of the Citie of York.

After oure hartye comendacons; wheras things being amicablye compounded betwene the Kings majestie and Themperour it is specially amongs other things agreed that there shalbe nowe kepte the furst day of Maye nexte at Marke and Graveling a diet wheras commissioners be appointed to meate on bothe parties to here and determyn al manner griefs and complaynts that can be alledged on either side; for asmoch as his Majestie is enfourmed that within that toune there be diverse his subgiects and marchauntz whiche haunt themperor countreys and have sundrye ways suffred there injuries and damags, either at thands of the Emperors

[1] Mall or maul; a mace or club.

officers and ministers and other his subjects agaynst thorder of justic and priveledge of there libertie for theyr traffique, his pleasour is we sholde enfourme you theyrof and requyre you not onelye to give warning of the same to suche his majesties subjects whithin that toune whiche traffique into any of themperours countrys, but also to charge suche of them as fynde themselfs greved in any matier worthye the redresse to putt the same imediatelye in writing and to sende some on of the company hither therewith fully instructed to give informacon of every point particularlye as shall apperteyne, charging them in no wise to fayle herof as they will aunswer to his Majestie, wherin also you for youre parte in giving to them warning herof must use all diligence as you tendre his majesties pleasour; and thus fare you hartelye well. Frome Westminster the xviijth of Aprill 1545, Your loving freendes.

Councell. Russell. Thomas Wryothesley. Ste Wynton. John Gayge. Antony Browne. William Pagett. Tho Westm. Rychard Ryche.

fo. 87b. **The Earl of Hertford to be welcomed.**
Council Meetings to be better attended.

Thursday, the day after Asension Day 37 Henry VIII (1545). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that whereas the common brute[1] goyth that the ryght honourable Erle of Hertford ys nowe commyng downe frome London as the Kyngs majestie lieutenaunt Generall in theys North partys and that hys lordeshyp proposyth to be here at York this day, therfore the sayd presens agreyth to meyt hys lordeshyp as haithe been accustomyd and to gyff hym a present for the worshyp of this City; and in cas that his lordeshyp goe by Borobryge that the sayd presens agreyth to send the Common Clerk and one of my lorde Mayres offycers unto hym with a luffyng lettre and ther to knowe of his lordeshyp what men of warre thys City and the Aynsty shuld mayke forward towards the Borders. (*fo.* 88) Whereas yt haithe been enactyd in tymes past in the tyme of dyverse Mayres tymes that all thos that ar of the Cownsaill of the Common Chambre of this City shuld kepe ther apparauncez at every assemble of the Counsayll accordyng to ther othes onles that they have a resonable excuse appon certeyn paynes specifyed within the sayd acts, and in consideracon that ther ys dyverse of the Cownsayll that often tymes maks default of ther apparauncs when that the Cownsaill haithe been commaundyd by my lord Mayer to assemble bothe for the Kyngs majesties affayres and busynes and also for other matters concernyng the common welle

[1] Brute or bruit; a rumour.

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of this City; for reformacon wherof and for the contynaunce of the auncyent and laudable orders of this City yt is nowe agreyd that if any of the sayd Cownsaill withoute a resonable excuse as ys abovesayd at any tyme hereafter mayke defaulte of ther apparaunce at the assembles of the sayd Cownsayll shall pay for every suche defaulte xij^{d} and who so denyth payment therof shalbe sparyd and not to be warnyd to the Cownsaill unto suche tyme that the sayd fyne be payd and all money and amercyaments that shalbe lost therfore to be put into a box, whiche box shalbe in the custody of my lord Mayer and the . . .[1] Aldermen shall have the custody of the key of the sayd box and at every yeres end the sayd money to be takyn (*fo.* 88b) furth of the sayd box and a recreacon therwyth to be mayd to my lord Mayer and hys Brethern[2]

fo. 91. **York men for the War.**

19 June 1545. *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

The sayd presens at the specyall commaundment of the lorde Precydent of the Kings Majestie mooste honourable Counsell established in the Northe parties haith appoyntyd xx able men with harnes and light horses with speres to serve the Kings majestie in his warres.[3]

fo. 91b.

To the right worshypfull Sir John Ellerker, knyght, Capytane of a certen nombre of horsemen with speres, yeve this.

In my hartie maner I comend me unto yowe and likewyse thank yowe for your favourable advertysment as towchyng the conduyt and coote money for the xx horsemen with speres sent furth of the Citie of York, wheruppon I have sent Percyvall Selby, one of myne offycers, to receyve the sayd money of Maister Swynburne, whiche is vj^{li} x^{s} according to your appoyntment, not doubtyng but ye will helpe hym to it with spede, wherof I hartely desyer yowe, and also to be good maister to my right welbelovyed neghtbours the solgers of York; and thus our Lord God send yowe good helth and well to spede. Frome York this xxixth of July 1545.

Yours assuryd John Beane, Mayour of the Citie of York.

fo. 95. **An overcharge. A tailor disenfranchised.**

7 August, 37 Henry VIII (1545). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

[1] Blank.

[2] For similar attempts to get better attendance see *York Civic Records*, vol. I, p. 8; vol. III, p. 15.

[3] In a letter given on fo. 91b the Earl of Hertford says he has appointed Sir John Ellerker to be captain of the 20 horse men of York.

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It was shewyd by my lord Maiour howe that the fisshers of Fossebryg this day sold fyve white fresh heryngs for j^{d}, where as my sayd lord dyd set pryce vj errings for j^{d} that day and for brekyng his lordeshyp pryce every of the sayd fysshers ys therfore fyned.

Where as my sayd lord Mayer was laitly commaundyd to mayke xx horsemen with speres welle horsed to serve uppon the Borders in suche sorte as they may be hable to mynyster good servyce, by force of whiche commaundement my sayd lord Mayer and his Brederin dyd appoynt Wylliam Graves, tayllour, to be one of the xx horsmen to serve the Kings majestie accordyng to his most bowndon dutye of allegyaunce, that notwithstandyng the sayd William dyd not fully prepayre hymself, where thugh my sayd lord Mayer of necessite for the accomplisshement of the said commaundment was compellyd to fynd one habyll man in the rowme of the sayd William for whiche disobedyence the said Wylliam was by the commaundment of my said lord Mayer comytted to prison and also fyned to pay xx^{s} furthwyth, whiche so to doe the sayd Wylliam utterly denyed to the parlus example of all fraunchesyd men of this City, whereby the sayd presens dyd consyder that myche convenyens (*sic*) myght hereafter insue if that condigne punnyshment be not shortly provyded in example; therfore it ys fully agreyd that the said Wylliam Grave in example shalbe frome now furth at no tyme hereafter to be reputyd nor takyn as a free man of this City but at all tymes to be accept as a straunger and forrener in all thyngs.

fo. 96. **The Earl of Cumberland spoken against.**

To my very good lorde the lorde Mayour of the Kings majestie Citie of York thesi.

In my right hartie wyse these shalbe tadvertyse your lordship that for so muche as relation is maid by this berer howe that one within the Citie ther, workman unto William Bekwith, haith mysused hymself by spekyng agaynste me otherwise [than][1] becomyth; I truste that yowe will uppon deliberate examynacon therof so execute condign punyshement as unto justice in that behalf appertenyth orells I muste deferre the matter to others whiche I dowbte nott but will se due coreccon therin; and thus hertely I bidd you lordship farewell. At my castell of Skipton this vijth of August.

Yower loving freend Cumberland.

fo. 97 **The soldiers are to go to Newcastle.**

To my loving freend the Maire of the Citie of York or his deputies.

[1] "that" in MS.

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After my right hartie commendacons; for as muche as the Kings majestie auncyent enymyes the Scotts and Franshemen of ther insatiable malyce agaynste this realme, entending by all means thay can possible both by see and land with many armys to annoye the same in suche placs as they shall thinke to doe mooste harme, be nowe assemblyd with a mayne power to make invacon into this realme, for resystance of whose malyce and preservacon of the Kings majesties realme it is requysite and necessary him to levie one army reyall of his subjects within the lymytts of my commyssion to repuls his sayd enymyes; for puttyng where of in a more redynes Therle of Shrewsbury, then the Kings lieutenaunte, directyd lait his lettres unto all shyers within his Commyssion, warnyng all men to be in a redynes by the xijth day of Maye last past for the purpose afforesayd to marche forwards uppon a newe warnyng to be gevyn unto them by proclamacon or otherwyse; nott doubtyng but ye receyvyng the sayd commaundment be nowe in good redynes in that behalf. I therefore will and desyr yowe and neverthelesse in the Kings majestie name streightlie charge and commaunde yowe furthwith to sett and marche forwards yourself in person with the nombre prescrybyd unto yowe of your servaunts, tenaunts and others within your rowmes and offyces to be chosen pykyd men wherof the fowrte parte to be very good archers furnyshed everyone with a bowe of ewe and xxiiij arros in a shief and his dagger and his swerd or mall of lead or iron and the reiste of your said nombre to have every of them a good bill with his dagger, making as many of your nombre as ye may to be horsemen with speres or to be archers horsed of that sorte they may be able to doe servyse when they shall come to the Borders, and that ye repayre with all speyd to Newcastell to be there the xxth daye of this month, where ye shall receyve suche reasonable and ordynarye allowance as in suche caise haith been accustomyd at the arryvall of our said companye to the place afforesayd, bryngyng with yowe all suche provision of vyttaills and carryags as ye may for the furnytour of your sayd nomber.

From Newcastell the xijth day of August 1545.

Your loving freend E. Hertford.

fo. 97a. **Only picked men to be sent to Newcastle.**

This is a coppy of the postcript wryttyn under the lettre sent frome the Erle of Hertford, the xxij day of August, unto Sir William Fairfax, Sir Leonard Bekwith, Sir Robert Stapleton Sir Thomas Malleverey, knights, and every of them for ther nombres of men to repare to Newcastell the second day of Septembre.

Postcripta. I woll and neverthelesse charge you that ye foresee and have specyall regarde to the chewsing and appoyntyng of your nombres of men, fotemen, nowe newely assigned unto yowe

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to repaire as afforesaid so as the same may be pyked and of the beste men yowe have, well armyd and waponyd accordinglie, assuring you that like as in doing your dewties to the Kings majestie in this his highnes affaires of weightie importaunce I woll and accordinglie declare the same; so on thother parte en caise at theare arryvall any of your men shalbe found not mete to serve they shalnot onely be retournyd you agayne with rebuks as appertenyth but also I woll not faill to signyfie that your untowardnes in suche sorte as shalbe nothing to your contentacon. Trustyng nevertheles you wyll foresee thoccasion of the same as requereth. Sir William Fairefax to bring L men. Sir Leonard Bekwith to bring xl men. Sir Robert Stapilton to bring L men. Sir Thomas Malyverey to bring L men.

The Mayour of York to send Lx men.[1]

fo. 101b. **The Expedition countermanded.**

My lord Mayour of this Citie by vertue of the Kings majestie mooste gracyous lettres to hym direct gyvith monycon and warnyng as well to all knights, gentylmen and to all others the Kings highnes mooste luffyng subjets that was laitlie appoyntyd in the Kings warres and affayres to the toune of Newcastell uppon Tyne as well horsemen as footemen as yit to stay themselfs and ther nombres heretofore appoyntyd and no further to proceyd northwards unto suche tyme as they shall have knoweleige of the Kings majestie further pleasoure in the same, foreseyng and provyding always that thay and every of them with theire said nombres frome hensfurth to be and contynue in a parfyte redynes to sett forwards uppon one howres warnyng when that they shalbe so commaundyd, nott failling thereof as they wolle aunswere to the Kings Highnes at there uttermooste jeoperdies and perelles.

God save the King

fo. 102. **Complete list of all men to be made.**

By the King

Trustie and welbelovyd we grete yowe well; and for as muche as we be mynded to have a juste certificate and parfitt knowlege what nawmbre of able persones, horsed and harnessed for warre, may be mayd within our Countie of York, as well within the liberties as withoute, whiche by the perusing of suche certyficats as were heretofore mayd to our right trustie and right enterlie belovyd cossens and counsellours the Duks of Norfolk and Suffolk, our right trustye and right welbelovyd cosyne and counsellour Therle of Shrewesburye nor to noon others our lieutenaunts in thies Northe parties doith nott so directly nor playnlie appere as the ymportance of oure weighty affayres requyreth and for

[1] Names and equipment of the York men follow; folios 98 to 100.

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reformacon whereof and to thentent we may call for suche a certen nombre at one tyme as occasyon shall serve, withoute troublyng of the resydue of our loving subjects and trustyng in your approvyd wysdomes, diligences and dyscressyons, wee have namyd, auctorysed and appoynted, and by thies presents do nayme, auctoryse and appoynt yowe to be our commyssioners within our Citie of York and the wapentak of the Aynsty of the same furthwith uppon the sight of theis our lettres and by vertue and auctorytie of the same to procede to the trewe inquere hereof accordyng to thenstruccons whiche we send unto yowe hereunto annexed; making your certificate in due fourme according as is conteignyd in the said instruccons before the laste day of this instante monnthe of Auguste. Nott faillyng herof etc.

Yeven under our signett at Bysshopthorp the xxij day of Auguste the xxxvijth yere of our reigne.

And by his counsaill.

fo. 104b. **The York and Ainsty quota sent to Newcastle.**

Difficulty with the Ainsty.

To the right honourable and ther singuler good Lorde the Earle of Herteford the Kings majestie lieutenaunt generall in the North parties, yeve this.

Right honourable oure singuler good Lorde in our full humble maner wee comend us unto your good lordeship; signyfieng your said lordship that by force of the Kings majestie comaundment and yours we have sent to your lordeship oure nombre of men appoynted for the Citie of York and the wapentak of the Aynsty, of the whiche nombre wee have mayd oure officer Percyvall Selby, this berer, to be ther capitayne at this present, beseeching your lordship to be good lorde bothe to hym and them; and where as the mooste parte of the inhabitaunts of the towneshipps of the said wapentake alwaye without mynde of man have used in tyme of warres as is nowe to fynde certen hable men of warre for to attend of the standerd of York, truthe is that thrugh sinister counsell some of them haith dyssapoynted bothe the King and us at this tyme to our great damage, breche of our liberties and to the parlus example, unles spedye remydie therin be provided by your sayd lordship for the preservacon of oure said liberties, wherein wee besuche yowe to be good lorde or ells they at no tyme herafter will regard to do suche things as wee shall comaunde them of the Kings behalf for setting furth of any men of warre from hensefurth, as the said berer can more playnlie enfourme your said lordeship at large.

Frome York the last of August.

Your Lordships assured the Mayour of the Citie of York and his Bredren, Aldermen of the same.

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Food Prices for the Soldiers.

A price and rente of vyttells for the Clevoys[1] beyng within the Citie of York xvij Octobris 1545.

Furst every capitayn of the sayd Clevoys to pay for every meale having sufficient and honeste fayr iiij^{d}

Item every gentilman or other sytting at the capytans mease[2] to pay for a meale iij^{d}

Item every solger to pay for every meale ij^{d} ob.

Item every lakkay and servaunt to pay for a meale ij^{d}

Item all thafforesaid persons to pay for suche drynke and other vyttells as they shall call for after or before dyner or supper over and besyds the said price and rats of ther meales.

Horsemete.

For hay and litter for every horse by the space of one night and one day ij^{d}

For every bushell of otes viij^{d}

fo. 109.

Instructions and Payments to M.Ps.

6 November 37 Henry VIII (1545). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Yt was reasonyd and debatyd of what thyngs that Maister North and Maister Halle shall move in the Parlyament house for the common welle of this City.

Furst, beyng Citizens for this City at the said Parlyament to be auctorysed in writyng under the common seyll of this City for ther apparauncs.

Item the said presence ar agreyd that the same Citizens shall have payd them by the Chamberleyns of this City x^{li} toward ther chargs.

Item that the Chamberleyns shall pay them for the lyveraye of ther fowre servaunts accustomyd.

Item that the said Maister North and Maister Halle shall have up to London with them that coppy of the lettres patentes and of the adnullyng and repelyng of the (*fo.* 109b) Act of Parlyament of all goods, forreyn bought and forreyn sold, within the burgh and toune of (Kingston) uppon Hull and they to gyt the clerk of the Parlyament to set his hand unto the sayd coppy.

[1] Clevoys; foreign mercenary soldiers from Cleves. See *Acts of the Privy Council,* vol. I, p. 272.

[2] Mease obsol. for mess; the earliest example of the word in *N.E.D.* is in 1536.

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The Common Council to meet.

4 February 37 Henry VIII (1545-6). *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that all men that was appoynted to set furth any speremen to serve the Kings majestie shall have ther said men in aredynes fully furnyshed with horse and harnes to serve the Kings majestie whensoever they shalbe callyd uppon.

Agreyd that the Comon Counsell of this Citie with serchers and other honeste persons of this Citie shall quyetlie assemble themselfs at the Comon Hall of this Citie one day this next weke to consulte togydders for the comon well of this said Citie and they to make relacon over to my said lorde Mayor and his Bredren of suche thyngs as they shall thynke beste to be doon for the comon well and profett of this City.

fo. 3. **York soldiers not to return home until they are discharged.**

To the right worshipfull Sir John Ellerkar, knyght yeve this.

After oure full hartie commondacons wee like so desyer you that ye frome hensefurth do nott permytt nor lycence none of those xx speremen that we sent unto you to repare and come home unto suche tyme as ye have fully dischargyd them; for many of the inhabitaunts of the City of York haith beyn and yit is much unquyeted by reason of ther reparyng home and also put to more chargs for that that dyverse of them haith sold, exchaungyd and putt away suche able horses as they hadd when wee sent them unto yowe. And thus oure Lorde God send yowe well to suxcede in all your affayres. x February.

Yours assured William Holme, Mayour of the Citie of York and his bredern, Aldermen of the same.

fo. 3b. **City Ordinances.**

12 Feb. 37 Henry VIII (1545-6). *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs 4 of the xxiv.

Assemblyd in the Counsell Chambre within the Common Hall of the said Citie when and where the said presens with thassent of the Commonaltie then and there beyng present dyd fully condyscend and agree of dyverse matters for the comon well of this said Citie as hereafter apperyth.

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Furst it is agreyd that ther shalbe certen persons appoyntyd in every ward of this Citie to attend of iiij of the said Aldermen and iiij of the xxiiij as my lorde Mayour shall name and appoynte to consulte togydder of suche things as shall redownd to the comon profett of the Common Chambre of this said Citie.

(*fo.* 4). Item that my lord Mayour shall appoynt iiij of his Bredren and other iiij of the xxiiij with the persons of the Commonaltie abovesaid of the four wards to consult togydder in suche things as they shall thynke mooste mete and convenyent to helpe and maynteyn the Comon Chambre as for money to be payd yerely to the said Comon Chambre, to graunte the severaltie of certen grounds aboute this Citie in wynter tyme withe other suche thyngs as they or the mooste partie of them shall devyse for the mooste proffett to the said Comon Chambre; and the abovesaid persons to assemble themselfs in peseable maner therefore at suche tyme as they shalbe commaundyd by my said lord Mayer; and they to make a booke of ther hole mynds towchyng the premysses (*fo.* 4b) and to delyver the same to my said lord Mayer to thentent that his lordship with further advyse of his Bredren by the assent of the said Commonaltie may devyse the same as is afforesayd so that ther said devyses may take place and contynue for the comon profett of the Common Chambre.

Also the sayd lord Mayour shewyd that he at the specyall request and desyer of the mooste reverend Father in God, Robert, nowe lorde Archebusshop of York and Precedent of the Kings mooste honourable Counsell, hadd grauntyd the offyce of one of his comon sergyants at mace sence the deathe of John Morgan unto Robert Fawcett.

fo. 5. **Lendal Ferry.**

19 February 37 Henry VIII (1545-6). *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

The said presens hathe grauntyd the rownd towre of the west syde of the water of Ouse forenenst Saynt Leonerds lendyng with the comon fery over the water of Ouse unto Whitsonday next unto Jennet Collynwood, wydoe, and she to pay therfore for that tyme fyve shillyngs and vj^{d}, provyded alwey that if any other person will gyf any more rent for the premissez after Whitsonday the mooste rent to be taken for the comon profett and the sayd Jennett Collynwod to be excludyd.[1]

fo. 5b. **The Letting of City Lands.**

19 February 37 Henry VIII (1545-6).

Mem. the day and yere abovesaid William Pulley, John

[1] The two City Ferries in Mediæval York were, 1. At Lendal. 2. Just above the present Skeldergate Bridge.

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Bacheler, Rychard Thomson, Thomas Ward, Robert May, Rychard Thykpenny, Robert Reyd, Crystofer Connyers, Rychard Sydes, George Hutchenson, Jamys Symson, Jamys Harryngton, Richard Clydero and William Bachelyr, xiiij honeste Commoners of this Citie, cam personally before the said presens and delyverd unto my lorde Mayer and the said presens one bill of partyclers of ther hole myndes and estymacon in the iiij wards afforesayd according to the order and agrement before mayd in the Comon Hall of this said Citie.[1]

Myklyth Ward

In primis a mote of the baksyde of the Toftes in the holding of Thomas Myddylton, tanner.

Item a wayste pertenyng the Comons betwixt Busshopfields and the walls of the Citie. Wee estyme it worth in the yere ij^{s}

Item a close in the holding of Craven wyf payng to the skoole in Poklyngton whiche is iiij marks by yere. Wee esteyme the wynter etaige worth xx^{s}

Item iij closes . . . the spytell houses wherof ij ys in the holdyng of Robert Elmedey and the thyrd in the holdyng of John Yaits, cordyner. Wee esteyme the wynter ettage to v^{s} iiij^{d}

Item wee have viewed Knaysmyer from the next corner beyond the gallowes to the close in the holding of Cravyn wyf estward whiche we thynk necessary to be takyn in and enclosed to the proffet of the Chamber.

Item a lythe close pertenyng to Maister North bowndyng on Scarcrofte. Wee esteyme the wynter ettaige worth xij^{d}

Item a little close pertenyng to Maister Gaill and to Saynt John Hall[2] boundyng on Scarcroft. Wee esteyme the wynter ettege worth xvj^{d}

Item a close of Maister Nelesons in tholdyng of Sir Leonard Bekwith callyd the Stagg closse. Wee estime the wynter ettege therof to ij^{s}

fo. 6b. Bowthome Ward.

Item ij closes at Eyssyll[3] Briggs whiche wee esteme the wynter ettehe worth v^{s}

fo. 7. Monkward.

Item iij closes in the syde of payne of crofts[4] enenst Monk brigg.

[1] There are many entries; I pick out only those in which place names are given.

[2] St. John Hall is the Merchant Tailors Hall in Aldwark.

[3] Eyssyll Briggs. This bridge crossed a brook at the junction of Haxby Road and Huntington Road, not far from the present Yearsly Bridge over the Foss. The base of a Cross survives.

[4] "Payne of crofts" should be "Payne leas crofts" which survives in "Penley Groves Street."

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Item the graynge feilds[1] in the holdyng of John Wayte of Heworth, provyded that the end next Monk brig be reformed for the kye of the ward to ly on, whiche wee esteme the wynter ettege worth iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}

Item to enclose a pece of Heworth more betwixt the causes whiche wee esteme worth by yere xx^{s}

fo. 7b. Walmegate Ward.

Item to lett the Reyde Tower[2] to farme whiche wee esteme worth by yere v^{s}

Item the tyle pytts with the mote whiche wee esteme the wynter ettege worth vj^{s} viij^{d}

Item the Tenter lees whiche wee esteme the wynter ettege worth xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

fo. 9. **Affray within the City.**

4 March 37 Henry VIII (1545-6). *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

Sir Oswald Wyllestrop, knyght, and George Horselay, gent, was callyd befor the said presens as towching a salte and a fray by them and ther servaunts mayde within this said Citie agaynst the Kings peace this present day; uppon thexamynacon of whiche matter the said Horselay was commytted to pryson and the sayd Maister Wyllestrop was commyttyd to Martyn Sosay, one of the Shyrryffs of this Citie, unto suche tyme as my lorde Presydent pleasour and other of the Kings mooste honourable Counsall be further knoun in the premysses.

fo. 9b. **Council Members insulted. Enclosure of part of Knavesmire. Moving a house.**

5 March 37 Henry VIII (1545-6). *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Wylliam Trew and Wylliam Blunder, two of the Shyrryffs sergiants of this Citie, personally cam and beyng sworne and examynyd saith uppon ther othes that George Horsley sayd that my lord Mayor, his Bredren and Shyrryffs were more mete to dryve pyggs to the feyld then to be Justics of Peace.

Also it is agreyd bothe as takyn in parte of Knaysmyre and all other grounds before presentyd shalbe respect[3] over to the commyng of Maister Recorder for to knowe his advyce and counsell in the premysses.

[1] Heworth Grange today.

[2] The Red Tower on Foss Islands road.

[3] respect; put off; adjourn.

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(*fo.* 10). Condicon of this recognisaunce is suche that where as my lord Mayour and his Bredren haith lycensyd John Watson for to take downe his howse nowe standing uppon Bisshophill, yf that the sayd John Watson doe sett upp the same howse agayne in any place within the said Citie or Suburbes before the feast of Saynt Martyn bysshop in wynter next—that then the present recognysaunce to be voyd etc.

fo. 10b. **The Recorders advice about Knavesmire.**

16 March 37 Henry VIII (1545-6). *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

The said presens desyeryd the advyse of Maister Recorder concernyng the enclosyng parte of Knaysmyer and dyverse other matters and causes.

And as concernyng Knaysmyer Maister Recorder advyse both that suche persons as doth clame any tytle or ettege in the same by reason of ther right of inheritaunce in the same Knaysmyer shalbe callyd before my lord Mayor and his Bredren to showe ther right and tytle of frehold in the same and theruppon a further order to be takyn for the mooste proffett and quyetnesse of the Commonaltie of the said Citie.

fo. 12. **Standard yard Measures. Sale of Cloth. Work for poor folk.**

5 April 37 Henry VIII (1546). *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

It was agreyd that from nowfurth no maner of persons, fre ne forren, shall by ne sell any thyng with any yerde wand onelesse the same yerdewand be seallyd at both the ends with a crownyd letter of H, whiche they shall have seallyd within the Common Chambre of Owsbrige; and every stranger to pay for seallyng of every yerdewand ob. and fremen to pay nothing.

Also it is agreyd that ther shalbe a place assignyd within this Citie for sellyng of lynnen clothe and harden clothe and where all suche clothe shalbe delyveryd, and that ther shalbe one offycer assygnyd to mesure the same and he to have for mesuryng of every score of lynen j^{d} and every score of harden ob. of the byer therof, beyng a stranger and no freman.

(*fo.* 12b) Also it is agreyd that no tapitour of this Citie, nor noon other person, frome hensfurth shall put nor delyver no woll to power folks for to spyn and carde but with a weght seallyd of lead contenyng in weght ij^{li} and a half wax pounds and nott above.

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fo. 13.

Boycott of Hull Traders.

7 April 37 Henry VIII (1546). *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the acte and ordynaunce laitlie mayd that fremen of this Citie shalnott by ne sell any merchaundyses with or to any fremen of Kyngeston uppon Hull shalbe contynued unto a further dereccon and order be takyn therin.

fo. 15b.

The Recorders advice needed. Corpus Christi Play. Carvers and Joiners.

12 April 38 Henry VIII (1546). *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that one shall ryde for Maister Recorder to com to my lord Mayour and his Bredren to gyve his advyse and counsell towchyng the certyficate of the chauntryes, gylds, broderheds and fraternyties belongyng to the Commonaltie of this Citie.

Agreyd that Corpus Cristie play shalbe playd this yere and that the billetts shalbe delyveryd furth for the same accordyng to the auncyent custome.

(*fo.* 16). Item it is agreyd that the carpenters shall bryng before my lord Mayour ther ordynall, to thentent that an order may be takyn betwixt them and the carvers and joyners so that the carvers and joynours may have an ordynall for ther said occupacon.

fo. 16.

To the right worshipfull Maister Recorder of the Citie of York—Yeve this.

Maister Recorder in our full hartie maner we commend us unto yowe and like so desyer you uppon the sight hereof to be with us at York or ells uppon fryday next at the furthest, for truthe is that we muste neyds have your advyse and counsell in certen affayres concernyng the Kings majestie as ye shall knowe at your comyng, and your paynes shalbe therefore consyderyd accordynglie; desyering you nott to faill herof as our truste is in yowe; thus faire yowe well. Frome York this xxiijth day of Aprill 1546.

Yours assured. William Holme, Mayor of York and his bredren, Aldermen of the same.

fo. 20b.

Ordinances for the Measuring of Cloth.

Certen ordynauncs devysed by the lord Mayour of the said Citie and his bredren, Aldermen of the same, for the trewe measuryng both of lynen clothe, sameron clothe and hardyn clothe within the said Citie.

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Furst it is orderyd that all the Kings subjects hereafter resortyng to the said Citie with lynen clothe, sameron clothe[1] or hardyn clothe to sell, before that they putt any parte of the said clothe to sale shall cause it to be measuryd by the common measurer of the said Citie for that purpos appoynted with yerd and elns, markyd at bothe ends with a crownyd H agreying with the Kings standerd of the said Citie.

Item that all byers of the said clothe beyng strangers shall pay to the said comon measurer for measuryng every score of lynnen clothe or sameron clothe one penny, and for every score of hardyn clothe one halpenny and nothyng to be takyn for any pece of clothe contenyng under ten yerds.

Item that no straungers nor fremen of this said Citie that are common sellers of any of the said clothes shall frome hensefurth taike uppon them to put any parte of the said clothe to saile to any of the Kings subjects but onely of the markett days and within the lymytts and bounds of the common markett place callyd the Payment uppon payne to lose and forfait vj^{s} viij^{d}

fo. 21. **Cloth to be sold in the Common Hall.**

Kendal men and Kendal cloth.

19 April 38 Henry VIII. *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that all clothyers bryngyng any baale clothe or carses[2] to sell shall bryng the same to the Comon Hall and ther it to be strykkyn and sold and in non other place uppon pane of iij^{s} iiij^{d}; and the said clothyers shall pay for every dossan clothe lyeing in the said Hall ob. and for every thre carsays j^{d}

Also it is agreyd that all Kendelmen bryngyng any Kendell clothe to this Citie to be sold shall bryng the same to the said Comon Hall payng for every pakk iiij^{d} for howse rowme and kepyng of the same in save gard provyded alwase that all maner of clothe beyng boght by any man of this Citie before it be com to the said Citie shalbe delyverd to the byer therof where as they do agre withoute any damage or penaltie afforesaid.

fo. 22. **A Beacon in the Ainsty. Sale of leather.**

Wednesday in Easterweek 28 April 38 Henry VIII (1546). *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Certen artycles of instruccons delyverd to my lord Mayor and his Bredren, concernyng one beacons to be furthwith mayd

[1] Sameron cloth; a cloth between linen and hempen cloth. A Yorkshire word.

[2] Carses; kerseys. A kind of coarse narrow cloth woven from long wool and usually webbed; *N.E.D.*

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within the wapentake of thaynsty in a place mooste convenyent for the same; and for accompleshing of the same it is agreid that dyverse of the gentylmen of the Aynsty shalbe sent for to come to my lord Mayour and his Bredren to moro at ix of the clok tofore none to have there advyse and counsell for the best appoyntyng of the same; the names of whiche gentylmen hereafter followith

Furst, Sir William Fayrefax, knight.
Sir Robert Stapylton, knyght.
Maister Thwate of Marston.
Maister Ughtred.
Maister Newark of Acome.
John Good.
Thomas Vavasour.
Thomas Lawson.
Robert Gyllyott.
Syr Oswald Wyllestrop, knight.

(*fo.* 22b). Also it is agreyd that bothe tanners of this Citie and all other strangers beyng tanners, bryngyng any tannyd ledder to this Citie to be sold shall frome henseforth bryng all suche ledder unto the Comon Hall and there to be utteryd and sold drye and to be serchyd accordyng to the acts and statuts mayde for the same.

Also it is agreyd that ther shalbe thre market days appoyntyd for the same, Tewysday, Thursday and Satterday.

Also it is agreyd that ther shalbe too cordyners and too curryours to be serchers and to serche all suche tannyd ledder that is or shalbe utteryd and sold in the said Comon Hall according to the tenour of the Kings acts of Parlyament.

And that the cordyners of this Citie shall bryng and delyver to my lorde Mayer ther graunt mayd to them for lycence to serche driede ledder.

fo. 24b. **Rules for Beacons.**

By the King

j Furste youe muste cause to be made alongest the see coaste in placs belowe in vallies next unto the see where yowe shall thynk convenyent at every place thre beacons whiche muste be sett as they be all thre seyn frome the placs where the next three beacons be sett.

ij Item upon certen hills next unto theis placs whiche may be beste seyn bothe to the seewards and landward, uppon every suche hill muste sett two beakons.

iij Item within the boddie of the shier in sundre placs where as may beste taik knowlege frome the beakons on the said hills and gyve knowledge to the reist of thynner beakons within the shier muste be sett one beakon.

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iiij Item for the keping of thaforesaid beakons yowe muste appoynt suche a nombre of wise and vigillante persons as may withoute moche overchargyng of the next inhabitants contynue aboute the watchyng and kepyng of the said beakons by course as it shall come aboute to there turnes.

v Item order muste be takyn that nether two nor thre of the said beakons in one place in the valleis on the see syde be lightned but by appoyntment of some one suche specyall men as for ther discressions shalbe thought mete by yowe to have the charge therof commyttyd unto them. And likewise thodder watchyng the beakons on the hills and thynner parte of the countre muste take hede that they fier nott the beakons unadvisadlie uppon any other fyers whatsoever shall fortune in any place, then uppon the vieu and warnyng of thother beakon, that is to say, thynner beakons to taik warnyng of the beakons on the hills; and the beakons on the hills to take warnyng of the beakons below in the valleis allongest the see coost in maner and forme following

(*fo.* 25). Furst he or they that have the charge of the beakons in every place in the vallies shall assone as he dyscryeth any nombre of shippis uppon the sees fieer one of his beakons uppon vew of whiche beakon so fieryd all the other that have charge of there beakons in the vallies shall fier every man one of his thre beakons in the vallies, whiche one beakin of all and every the thre beakons in the vallies shall onelie be but a watche to thodder beakons in the hills to be in a redynes and note a tokyn for them on the hills to fier any of ther two beakons.

Item assone as the kepers of the beakons in the vallies shall see any armys uppon the sees approche towards the cooste and be within foure myles by estymacon upon the shore, he or they that kepith the next to the place where it is like they will land shall fier two of the thre beakons, and so shall nott any others the kepers of the thre beakons in the vallies in any other place and they onelie that watche uppon the hills next unto the burnyng beakons in the vallies and no other shall fier one of ther two beakons, at whose warnyng all the men of suche partie of the Shyer next unto the fier on the hills shall resorte to suche place as shalbe appoynted by suche as the Kings majestie by his lettres patents haith appoynted to have the speciall charge of that Shier tyll his Highnes shall further determyn his pleasour in that behalf.

Item where the kepers of the beakons in the vallies shall see thenemyes on land in suche a nombre as the force assemblyd herabouts for the defence of ther landing shall not be able to resiste them, then shall they in all the haiste possible fier all ther beakons next unto the place where they land uppon the sight wherof (*fo.* 25b) the two beakons uppon the next hill muste be bothe fieryd and at ther fieryng one beakon of every thodder two beakons uppon the hills and all other beakons within the land muste be

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fieryd, one of them uppon the sight of an other, and every man as well appoynted as he can for the defence of ther enemyes to resorte to the hill where the two beakons burne and so to the place where thenemyes be assembled.

Yeven under oure signett at our manour of Greinwiche the xx day of April the xxxvij yere of our reigne.

And by his Counsaile.

My lord Mayour delyverd bothe the Commyssion mynute of instruccons afforesaid to Sir William Fayrfax, knyght, to thentent that he with other knights and gentilmen of the Ainstie shall prepare one beakon to be sett within the said wapentaik in suche place as by them shalbe thoght mooste convenyent for the sight of the same towards ther west borders and to prepare dyscreyte kepers and watchers of the same beakon as well of the day as of the nyght.

Also the bailles of the Ainsty haith in commandement by my lorde Mayer and his Bredren that they furthwith shall gyve commandement in the King our sovereign Lords name to all an every constable within the sayd wapentake of the Aynsty that the same constable and fower of the mooste honeste and dyscrete persons of every towneship within the said wapentake shall personally appere before Kings Comyssioners uppon monday next at x of the clock before none at Bylbrugh.

fo. 29. **Leather Searchers.**

Monday 3 May 38 Henry VIII (1546). *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that for dewe serche of tannyd ledder hereafter to be hadd and executyd for the common well of the Kings people.

That ther shalbe fower serchers namyd and appoyntyd for the same, that is to say, two honeste persons of the cordyners and two honeste persons of the couryers to make dewe serche of all suche tannyd ledder that shall come hereafter to be sold within the Common Hall according to the tenour and effect of the Kings acts mayd for the same.

Also it is agreyd that the cordyners shall bryng to my lord Mayer ther graunts whiche they have for lycence to serche red ledder and they to be clearly dischargyd for any further excersysyng or occupieing of the same.

fo. 35. **Beacon Watchers.**

The names of the townes and watchers appoynted to kepe the watche at the beakons nigh Bilburgh every one for one day and a nyght.[1]

[1] A list of 40 villages follows with the names of the watchers.

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fo. 35b. **The City freed from certain Chantry Payments.**

Neyne chauntres and thre yerely obbetts somtyme founded within the seid Citie wherof vij of the said chauntres and the said thre obetts was dyssolvyd by Acte of Parlyament the xvth day of Aprile in the xxvijth yere of the Kings majestie mooste gracyous reigne that nowe is, as it apperith more playnlie by a coppy of the same acte beyng exemplefied under the Kings grace great seall of Englond, and by force of the said acte the Mayer and Comminaltie of the said Citie and ther successours ar clerely dyschargyd for ever for payment of the stypends and wags that incumbents of the said vij chauntres hadd sometyme payd furth of the Common Chambre of the said Citie, and also of the yerely chargs of the said thre obbetts.

Furst the chauntre and one yerely obbet somtyme amorthesyd[1] and founded within the Cathedrall churche of Saynt Peter of York by the executours of the testament and last will of Maister Thomas Haxay, somtyme, tresurer of the said churche, by yere furth of the Common Chambre xij^{li}.

Item one chauntre within the chapell of Fossebrig whereof one Robert Holme of the said Citie, merchaunt, was funder, by yere vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Item a nother chauntre of the said brygg funded by one Allayne Hamerton, by yere v^{li} v^{s}

Item one chauntre within the chappell of Saynt William uppon Owsebryg founded by Healwise de Wystowe, wyddo, somtyme wyf of Robert de Wystowe lait of the said Citie, by yere; iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}.

(*fo.* 36). Item one other chauntre of Owsbrig, sometyme founded by William Sothill, John de Newton and Rauf Marr, preist, by yere . . .[2] but onely by reason of the decay of certeyn tenements within the said Citie that dydd somtyme belong to the said chauntre xxxj^{s} viij^{d}.

Item one chauntre within the churche of Alhallows in Northstrete founded by Allayne Hamerton, somtyme of the said Citie, merchaunt, William Skelton, lait Citizen of York, John Catton of the said Citie and Emote his wyf by yere iiij^{li}.

Item one other chauntre within the said churche of Alhallos in Northstrete, somtyme founded by Adam Bank, lytster, by yere v^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}

Item one yerelie obbett of John Esheton xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Item one other yerelye obbett founded by John Fourbour, chapleyn, John Selly and Hewe Selly, by yere x^{s}

[1] Amorthesyd; amortized; alienated in mortmain.

[2] Space left blank here.

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fo. 37b.

Rules for Beggars.

Artycles dyvysed by thassent of all the wardens[1] abovesaid for the avoyding of strange beggars furth of this Citie and all other beggars that shalbe sufferyd to remayne within this Citie to be ordryd as hereafter followith, and also all constables of this Citie to execute ther office, bothe as concernyng the oderyng of (*fo.* 38) the beggars that shall remayne in this Citie and for all other things concernyng ther office uppon payne of imprisonment so oft as they shall offende the commaundement of the said maister wardens for nott executyng of the premysses.

Furst it is agreyd that all constables of this Citie and suberbes shall certifie the said wardens by wrytyng at the next wardemote Courtes of all common beggars that is come within ther said parishes and warde within the space of thre yeres last past.

Item that every of the said constables shall certefye the said wardens in wrytyng ones every weke of all suche evill rewlle and usyng of unlaufull games with other mysdemeanours as they shall knowe to be used and kepte within ther constabularies agaynste the lawes and statuts of this realme to thentent that the said wardens may dewlie execute ther office agaynste the said officers frome tyme to tyme.

Item all power folks that ar lymyttyd[2] to begg and haith baggs shall begg within the ward where they inhabyd and dwell and in none other wards uppon payne to be avoydyd this said Citie if any of them doe the contrary.

(*fo.* 38b). Item it is agrede that none of the said power folks shall take nor receyve any strange chyldren into ther houses to thentent that any of them shall goo abowte within this Citie to begg as they have done laitlie to the noysaunce; alwayse provyded that it shalbe laufull to them for to take and releif any powr chyldren that was borne within this said Citie or suburbes.

Item that the said power folks within this Citie shall within eight days next ensewyng put away all suche power strange chyldryn as they have takyn in to ther howses.

And that every connstable within this Citie shall take all straunge beggars and vacabunds that at any tyme hereafter shall resorte within ther constabulary to begg or ther use and comytt any mysdemeanour, and to put them in the stokks, ne to gyve them none other dyat but onely brede and watter by the space of thre days and thre nyghts and to make the said wardens prevey to the resortyng of any suche vacabunds.

(*fo.* 39). Item if any of the said constables be neclygent or slowe in due executyng of ther office in anythyng or do wilfully

[1] On folios 37 and 37b is a list of the wardens of the four city wards; By ancient custom of the City they were to be chosen from among the Aldermen, Sheriffs and xxiv.

[2] lymyttyd, i.e., appointed.

deny, refuse or be dissobedyent to accomplishe the commandement of any of ther wardens that for suche mysdemeanours the same wardens to comytt them to prison.[1]

fo. 45b. **Proclamation of Peace. Its Celebration in York.**

5 July 38 Henry VIII (1546). *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 2 of the xxiv.

The Shyrryffs shall make proclamacon tomorro at ix of the clok in the mornyng in dyvers placs within this Citie accustomyd, according to the Kings majestie letters of commandement to them dyrectyd for that purpos as concernyng the peax concludyd betwixt our sovereign lorde the King of the one partie and the right high and myghtie prynce the franche King of the other partie as by the tenour wherof hereafter ensewith.

To oure trustie and right welbelovyd oure Shyrryffs of our Citie of York in haiste.

By the Kinge.

Trustie and welbelovyd wee grete you well; and forasmoche as peax is concluded betwens us and our heires and our successours of thone partie and the right high and myghtie prynce the Frenche Kinge of thodder partie, wherein is also comprehended on our partie the Emperoure with abstenaunce of warres agaynst the Scotts oneles upon newe occasyon by them offeryd to the same, whiche peax haith beyn proclamyd solemply in our Citie of London with sounde of trumpetts, procession, makyng of boynfyers and other ceremoneys, testefieng the gladd newes and rewse therof, therefore our pleasoure and specyall commaundement is that furthwith uppon the receipte (*fo.* 46) herof yee shall cause the semblable as nere as yee may to be executed within your sheryfwyke according to the proclamacon whiche wee doo send you herin closed to be oppenlie redde and publyshed with sounde of trumpetts yf ye have any there, and in suche plaics as moost resorte is within the precyncte of your said office as by your wysdome shalbe thought mete for that purpos. Yeven under oure signet at oure towne of Waikfeld the third day of Julie in the xxxviijth yere of our reigne.

Furthermore it is agreyd that the Shyrryfs shall ryde in cremysson to make the said proclamacon and the esquyer at gyltyd mace to my said lord (Mayor) shall ryde betwixt the said Shyrryfs with the said gyltyd mayce and in default of a trumpett to have a drum before them. And immedyatie after the said proclamacon mayd then it is further agreyd that my lord Mayer, his bredren Aldermen in skarlet, and xxiiij shall goo procession in cremyssyn frome the cathedrall churche in York thorro this

[1] There follows on folios 39b, 40, 40b, 41 a list of persons in York parishes appointed to watch the Bilborough beacon.

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Citie and those have beyn mayers to goo with ther cloks and that all the Citizens of this Citie to goo in ther best apperrell to attend of the said lorde Mayor in the said procession. And at nyght to the lawde and prays of Almyghtie God to make bonfyers in the strets in placs accustomyd and to make merry and honest chere for the contynnuance of the said peace.[1]

fo. 54. **Cleaning the Ouse. New Weights at the Crane.**

1 September 38 Henry VIII (1546). *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sherrif, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreid that for the preservacon of the watter of Owse that all the merchaunts within or of the iiij wards shall send one hable person to helpe for to clene the same, every ward one day, and the constables to gyve warnyng in ther parishe and that the wardens of every ward shall oversee the said laborers of ther wards.

Agreyd that the weights of the common crayne of this Citie that be worne and mynished shalbe seyn and amendyd of newe.

fo. 55. **The City Robbed by the Butchers.**

An enformacon mayd by William Drewe, botcher, before the right worshipfull William Holme, Mayer, Myles Newton, Comon clerk and other offycers of the same Citie the xjth day of September xxxviii Henry VIII.

Furste the said William Drewe saith that the butchers of this Citie haith devyded them selfs in fower sorts for kyllyng of fleshe to sell to the Kings subjects.

Also he saith that Maister Foxgyll, nowe Shyrryf, at suche tyme as he was sercher that he and his fellos serchers of the botchers the monday in Easter weke next after the beyng here of the Kings majestie they receyvyd of the said Drewe for sellyng of a quarter of veyll to Mestres Thykpenny for a fyne xx^{s} whereof the Comon Chambre had no parte.

Item Neleson, bocher, payd a fyne of x^{s}

Item Robert Tesymond payd for a fyne xx^{s}[2]

(*fo.* 55b) Truthe is that all the occupacon of bochers within this Citie haith mayd a confederacy togydder for kyllyng of fleshe above a stynt agaynste the common well.

fo. 62. **City Charters to be examined.**

9 November (1546). *Present*—William Holme, Mayor and 6 others.

Agreyd that Maister Recorder shall peruse over the chartours of this Citie to see and trye whether that the Mayer and Com-

[1] The Proclamation is given on folios 46b and 47.

[2] Five other fines mentioned.

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minaltie oght by poynte of charter to have the recognysauncs takyn for kepyng of the Kings peace as thay have for all indytaments of ryots and trespacs.

fo. 63. **Musters to be Made.**

15 November 38 Henry VIII (1546). *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, 4 Aldermen and 2 Sheriffs.

Agreid that musters shalbe takyn within the Citie and wapentake of the Aynsty accordyng to the Kings comyssion.

(*fo.* 63b). To the Shyeryffs of the Citie of York.

Wee the Kings commyssioners doo straitlie charge and commaunde yowe that ye doo cause al men within every towneshyp of the wapentake of the Aynstie as well within the libertie as withoute, bothe horsmen, footemen, archers and othres as be above the aige of sixteyn yeres able to bere harnes that they be and personally appere before Sir William Fayrfax, knyght, and other the Kings comyssioners uppon fryday next at neyn of the clokk before none at suche place as be appoyntyd for the same, with all suche horses, harnes and wapons as thay have to serve the Kinge, and that the constables of every of the said tounshyps doo bryng before the said commysoners a sufficyent bill or writyng of all the names and surnames of every suche person and persons with all suche horses, harnes and wapons as they have ryddy to serve the King. Fayll ye nott hereof as you woll aunswere to the contrary at your uttermoste perills. Yeven at the Citie of York.

fo. 64. **Payment of M.Ps.**

Disturbances in Micklegate Ward.

31 December 38 Henry VIII (1546). *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs and 3 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Maister North and Maister Hall, burgeses of the Parlyament shall have payd to them at ther goyng upp to the said Parliament x^{li}

Also it is agreyd that all those persons in Miklyth ward whiche was indictyd of ryott for takyng doune Maister Broun close in Baggargate and William Grysdale close nygh the Bishoplathes shalbe sessed for to pay for ther fynes therefore every one of them vj^{d}

Also it is agreyd that the Common Counsaill shalbe warnyd to assemble in the Common Hall uppon monday next ther to consult to gydder in causes and matters for the common well of this Citie.

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fo. 65. **A Poor Carver. Refreshments at Election of Sheriffs. Various Ordinances.**

3 January 38 Henry VIII (1546-7). *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Uppon supplycacon mayde by one Rychard Grave, carver, to be dyschargyd uppon payment of xxvj^{s} viij^{d} resydue of iiij^{li} which he stands bounden to pay to the Common Chambre by obligacon as surtie for one John Flemyng, carver, who is fledd furthe of this Citie and the countrie; therefore in consyderacon that the said Richard Grave is a power man and haith a great charge of chyldren that the said Rychard Grave shall content and pay before the makyng of the accomptes vj^{s} viij^{d} and he to be clerely dyschargyd of the reeste.

Item the Chamberleyns shall pay the resydewe for wyne and maynbrede that was spent uppon Saynt Mathe day and when the Sheryffs was sworne of the Counsaill, whiche ammountyth in all unto ix^{s} vj^{d}, whereof the Shyryffs payd but iiij^{s} betwyxt them and the Chambre to pay the reyste v^{s} vj^{d}.

(*fo.* 65b) Item it is agreyd by the said persons with the consent of the Common Counsaill beyng assemblyd within the Common Hall that no person nor persons, free nor forrene frome hensefurth doe taike doune any howses nor buyldyngs within the said Citie nor suburbes without lycence of Mayer of this said Citie and the wardens of the wards for the tyme beyng onelesse they buylde the same upp agayne within the said Citie at the syght of the said Mayer and wardens uppon payne of ten pounds.

(*fo.* 65a) Item that if ther be any man havinge any lands within this Citie beinge in rewyn and decay and so beinge in rewyn by the spaice of one yere and a daye that then to enter and sease it into the Chambre of the Citie.

Item that no man beuilde no tenements within this Citie under the farme of vj^{s} viij^{d} by yere, for there is so many tenements within this Citie of xx^{d} and ij^{s} farme by yere that vacabunds and beggars can not be avoyded.

Item if that the Chauntery lands within this Citie be sold into the Kings majesties hands that the Citie of York may have the preferment of the said lands for the amendment and uphold of the same Citie whiche is in gret decaye.

Item that all men that hertofore haithe powlled downe any howses within this Citie, whiche defasethe the Citie that thay that be owners of the sayme landes and beuylde upon the sayme lands agayne afore this day twelve monthe or elles to forfet the said lands to the Chamer of the Citie of York.

Item that all wolles within the Est Ryddynge and Northe Riddinge beinge clypped or poulled within the said Ryddyngs to be browght to the Citie to the Kings beame there to be weayde and solde.

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This bill was putt in by the Comon Counsaill assemblyd in the Common Hall the day and yere abovesaid.

fo. 67. **The Mayoralty of William Holme, 1546-7.**

[1]Mem. this yere dyd Saynt George day fall uppon God Fyrday and therfore thay dyd not ryde with Saynt George this yere.

Also the same yere Pasche[2] day and Saynt Marke day fell bothe uppon one day.

Also Corpus Cristi day and mydsomer day fell bothe uppon one day.

Also the same yere whete bare price from Candylmes unto Lammes that the newe corne came of the ground comonly at xxx^{s} a quarter, and then it fell to x^{s}; and malte was at x^{s} a quarter unto Myghelmes after and then it fell to v^{s} a quarter.

Also the same yere thare was two taillours that came frome London and dwelte within this Citie, whiche two taillours was accused and indictyd of herysy and heronyos oppynyons concernyng the blyssyd sacrament of the alter; and theruppon they were comytt to prison to the Shyrryffs Kydcote, beyng condempnyd and also adjugyd to be brynt, and so remanyd the space of vj weks; and then they were broght unto the Chapytour howse of Yorke mynster uppon sonday the xvj day of January and then and there they dyd bothe recant ther sayngs and heronyos oppynyons before a great multetewde of people beyng there present at the declaracon of the worde of God, and that done they were comyttyd againe to the Shyrryffs Kydcote.

(*fo.* 69b) Also this yere was the markett for tannyd ledder appoyntyd to be in the Common Hall, as well for strangers as for Citizens.

Also this same yere was the markett appoyntyd within the said Common Hall for strangers that broght anye Kendall clothes and westren clothes.

Also this yere was one William Groves of this Citie, taillour, dischargyd of his fredome for his dissobedyance to my lorde Mayer and his Bredren, and after uppon his lowely submyssion, he was restoryd agayn to his fredome and dyd pay therefore before my lorde Mayer and his Bredren v^{li}; and uppon his gentylle and lowly submyssyon thay dyd restore and gyve agayn to hym of ther good wills xl vj^{s} viij^{d} and so he payd to the Common Chambre for his fredome and to be admyttyd to the same Liij^{s} iiij^{d}.

[1] For the Procession of St. George see E. K. Chambers: *The Mediæval Stage.*

[2] As St. Marks day falls on 4 May, Pascheday here must be the Sunday after Easter.

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fo. 75.

Selling goods not searched.

16 March 1 Edward VI (1546-7). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Jamys Huton and Rychard Danyell, two of the serchers of the tapitours came personally and submyttyd themselfs to the ordre of this presens for that that they dyd take appon them to sell ther coverletts beyng nott serchyd.

Agreyd that the said serchers and all other of these occupacon whiche haithe done like offence shalbe sessyd and fynyd therefore after th quantytie of ther trespas provyd by examynacon therof mayd before my sayd lorde Mayer.

fo, 76.

Danger of Raids from the Sea.

Saturday, Easter Eve 1 Edward VI (1547). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

To oure trustie and welbelovyd the Mayer of our Citie of York, Sir William Fayrfax, Sir Robert Stapylton, knyghts, William Thwayte, esquyer, George Gaylle, Robert Hall, Aldermen, and Thomas Vavasour of Copmanthorp, gentilman or to vj, v, iiij, iij or ij of thaym.

By the King

Trustie and welbelovyd wee greyt yowe well. And beyng credablie enfourmed that sundrie shippes, wherof the great nombre name themselfs Scotts and some other of theym beyng pryvattly uppon the sees have takyn some of our subjects, both merchaunts and fysshermen neare sundre coosts of this oure realme, forsomuche as the tyme of the yere now begynnyth tapproche in whiche as welle the said Scotts as also others, if any suche be, that mynd, attempte annoyaunc agaynste any parte of our domynyons may more esely execute the same then in wynter, wee have thoughte good for the wysdome, circumspeccon and good endevour whiche wee have knowen always in you as well to gyve you (*fo.* 76b) notice thereof as also to pray and require you and nevertheles straightlie to charge and commaund you that callyng unto you for your better ayde herein suche other men of wysdome and experyence as ye shall thynke mete; ye shall taike suche good watche and diligent consyderacon to be hadd to all parties within our Citie and Aynsty of York, as well within liberties as withoute, where the said Scotts or others myndyng to do annoyaunce may by any meanes land any nombre or do any anoyaunce as though they shall entend the same they may be mett with all and repelled and our poower subjects inhabiting nere the same plaics holpene and defendyd accordingle; and for your better knowlege howe to use and order yourselfs and the countre there abouts herein when neyd

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resystaunce shall requyer, oure pleasoure is that ye do diligentlie reade and peruse amongs youreselfs suche lettres and instruccions as were dyrectyd unto you this tyme twelf monthe for the erecting of beakons, thordre and assemble of the same, in whiche instruccons ye shall perceyve at lenghe howe to proceyde further in this matter executing the effect of the said instruccions as occacon shall serve; forseyng always that assone that any attemptaite, invasion or arryvall of any enemyes or liklyhode therof shall chaunce to appere or occurre ye do undelaydly and with all possible speyd make, execute, send advertysment of the same with tholle circonstaunce therof unto the lorde Precydent and others our Counsaill establyshed in thies Northe parties by your lettres from tyme to tyme to thentent there may some spedy ordre be takyn touchyng the same, gyvyng streight charge and commaundement in the meane tyme unto all and every our subjects within the lymytts afforesayd of what estate, degre or condicon soever they be that they and every of them in ther best furnytour and array for the defense of our realme be reddy uppon one howers warnyng to resorte to the beakon or place of invasion of thenymes as they shalbe appoyntyd or as the necessitie shall requyer. Nott (*fo.* 77) faillyng hereof as ye tender our pleasoure, preservason of our realme and subjects, and wooll awnswer to the contrary at your uttermoste jeoperdies and perills. Yeven undre our signett at our Citie of York the viijth day of April.

And by his Counsaill.

By the King.[1]

Trustie and welbelovyd we grete you well; and where as wee by the advise of our right dere and enetirelie beloved uncle, the Duke of Somersett, lord protectour, and other of oure Previe Counsell, have resolvyd for sundre weightie and urgent consideracons touchyng the weall and quyetnes of this oure realme and other oure domynyons temploye a good nombre of well experte marryners aboute our servyce uppon the sees; thes be to requyer yowe that ymediatlie uppon the sight hereof ye repair to all suche villagies or other placs neare the see costs or ells where within that oure Citie and Aynsty where any masters of shyppes or marryners doo inhabyd or be dwelling and ther takyng a perfecte viewe or muster of all the same ye doe streightlie charge them in our name to remayne neere the place of ther accustomyd abode to thentent they may be in a redynes to be ymployed uppon an howers warnyng in suche shipps and servyce as unto us with the advise afforesaid shalbe thought convenyent. Certefieing the lorde (*fo.* 78) President and others of our Counsaill establyshed in thies

[1] This letter is addressed to the same persons as the previous one. After the address are the words "In haste. Haste post. Hast with all possible "diligence."

Northe parties in a wryting before the xxiij day of thies instaunte bothe of the nombre of all thable men of those sorts within the lymytts afforesaid as also the reyst of your procedyngs.

Yeven under our signett at Watton xviij Aprill.

xix day of Aprill viewe was takyn by my lorde Mayer and other the Kings commyssioners of all the marryners within the Citie of York and the wapentake of the Aynstie.[1]

fo. 84. **Further letter to the Commissioners.**

Trustie and welbelovyd wee grete you well; latting you witt that considering suche preparacon of the warres as ower aunsyent enymes the Scotts have and doe make bothe by lande and seas, and also that the like preparacons be mayde throughoute Fraunce and all other parties of Cristendome, albeyt wee have privatly good peace with all prynces and realmes and the same be sure established with all estats (the Scotts onely exceptyd) as wee truste it shall long contynue, nether yit any certenty appereth unto us of any breche of the same, yet knowyng that as well this realme and good and mooste lovyng subjects as also all other realmes and dominyons shall allways remayne and contenue more quyet and in more surtie if thyngs be well foreseen for defence and put in order for that purpose accordinglie; and calling to oure remembrance with thadvice of our dereste uncle and councellour, the Duke of Somersett, governour of our person and protectour of our realme and domynyons, and the reiste of our Previe Counsall, that by your certificate of the lait musters takyn by you within that our Citie of Yorke and the Countie of the same Citie by commaundement of oure dereste father, whome God assoil, it apperyth ye have mustered and certified hither the nombre of . . .[2] able men for the warres; for as muche as it apperith not by your said certificate what harnes, bowes, pyks, handgonnes or other munycons for the warres mete for horsemen or footemen remaynyth within the lymytts afforesaid, whereby wee myght be certenly assuryd, and beyng enfourmyd by (84b) our discrete uncle and Counsaill afforesaid that sundre men as well noble men, gentylmen and others our loving subjects every of them after ther callings, estats, possessions or substaunce be bound to have always reddy bothe harnes and munycons mete for the warres, wee have thought

[1] A list is given of 12 mariners in York, 3 in Bishopthorpe, 9 in Acaster Malbis and 1 in Naburn. A further letter to the above persons dated at Bishopthorpe 21 April orders a muster of 40 horsed and armed men in York and Ainsty to be ready for service on the Borders (*fo.* 79 and 79b). The commissioners met at York on 22 April (*fo.* 80) and decided that 26 of the men should come from York and 14 from the Ainsty. Names of the York men and their parishes are given on folios 81, 81b, 82, 82b, of the Ainsty on folios 83, 83b.

[2] Blank in MS.

good to pray and requyer yowe that devyding yourselfs with all possible diligence in to such quarters and placs of that the lemytts afforesaid as you shall thynk metest for the furtheraunce of this our pleasour, yowe doe furthwith bothe declare to our loving subjects, especially those that be of the grete sorte and of moste estimacon emongest the reist, the consideracons afforesaid us and oure Counsaill moving, as also after a declaracon of our statuts and laws unto them towching the said harnes and other munycons and howe beneficiall this foresight may be to them all and howe great cause they have to gyve thanks to Almyghtie God that the same is thus forseyn in tyme, to requyre and charge them that they and every of them faille nott to have the quantitie of harnes and other munycons requyred by our said statuts in suche aredynes as the same always be redy to be ymployed to ther owen savegard and defence of our realme with thable men uppon one howers warnyng, gevyng straith charge and commaundement to the connstables, hede borowghes, baillies and other officers and mynysters of every toune, village and hamelett that they take perfect viewe of every private mannes furnyture residing or inhabiting within every suche place towching the premisses, and therof certifie yowe agayn with all possible diligence in suche sorte as your certificate also therof and of tholl nombre of harnes and other munycons within the lymytts afforesaid faill not to be presentyd in wryting in perfect fourme to the lorde Presedent and others of our Counsaill establyshed in the Northe parties before the second day of May next ensuyng; and where by the lawes and statuts of our realme all the noble men and dyverse others be (*fo.* 85) bound to have every of them according to ther estaits, lands and possessions one or more great horses mete for the saddle and our servyce in the warres, and remembring withall that the chiefe cause of takyng of the said order was for the defence of this ower realme and other ower domynyons, we have thought good not onely to requyer you to take suche order ymediatlie uppon the receipte of these ower lettres as all and every suche noble men and other our subjects bothe spirituall and temporall residing within the lymytts above said may indelaydlie be furnyshed with the said horses according to the order but also to pray and requyer them that they fail not to have in aredynese mete and able men according to the nombre of horses that every of them is bound to kepe furnyshed with good dymye lannces and all other munycons requysite for a horseman and the same to be in suche aredynes as they may sett forward to suche placs as shalbe signified unto them them within one howers warnyng after the xx day of May next commyng and bycause it may be that uppon occacion of the lait warres in the tyme of our said lait derest father of mooste noble memory somme of our loving subjects beyng bounde to have great horses, as is afforesaid, be nott purchaunce so well furnyshed of

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a demy lannce harnes as they wold otherwise have beyn, ower pleasoure is by thadvise aforsaid that ye shall declare to all as be nott all reddy furnyshed with the same demy lannce harnes, that wee for the more esy furnyture of the same have takyn order that as many of them as shall wante demy lannce harnes may be furnyshed at the price of fourtie shillings for every suche harnes by our trustie and well-belovyd subject and servaunte, Syr Rychard Gresham, knyght, one of thaldermen of our Citie of London, whiche thing ye shall declare on oure behalfe to all suche persons within the lemytts aforesaid as by ower lawes be bound to have great horses.

Bishoppthorp, xxij May and by his Counsaill.

(*fo.* 85b) Mem. that commaundment shalbe geven by the officers of the iiij wards of this Citie unto all constables and two or iiij honeste men of every parishe that they personally appere before my lorde Mayour and other the Kings commyssioners within the Comon Hall uppon thursday next at ix of the clokk before none then and ther to doe and execute suche things as they shalbe commandyd by the said commysioners uppon the Kings behalf by vertue of the comission abovesaid to them directyd for that purpose.[1]

fo. 86b. **An Alderman in Trouble.**

27 April 1 Edward VI (1547). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Maister North, one of the Aldermen, havyng one laufull day warnyng left at his house by the officer, according to the custome of this Citie, and allegyng that his menyl[2] hadd nott told hym therof, yit further was nott contentyd but dyed stond in contencon with the said lord Mayour, multeplieng words and comparyson for that that he was nott send for agayn after that this house was mette, uppon the whiche evill words and comparisons the said lorde Mayour commyttyd hym to ward. And after that before the said presens departed the said Maister North was callyd and then and there dyd knowlege that he hadd offendyd as is abovesaid and therefore dyd submyt him self to thorder of this house, upon whiche gentill and humble submyssion the said Mayour dyd clerely remytt and forgyve the said offence.

[1] On fo. 86 is a summons to the Ainsty constables, etc. to appear before Sir William Fairfax on Catterton Moor.

[2] Menyll; menial or servant.

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fo. 88. **Certificate of Armour made by the Commissioners for York and Ainsty to the President and Council of the North.**

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	Almayn-revetts	xxx
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	Salletts	vj^{xx} xvj
	Steyll capps	vj^{xx} x
	Payrs of splents	vij^{xx} iij
Citie of York	Cheyns and sleves of mayll	xv
	Gorgetts	viij
	Bowes	clxxviij
	Shaifs of arros	vj^{xx} x
	Battell axis	xxxij
	Bills and halberts	ciiij^{xx}
	Lede malls	ix
	Handgonnes and helshails	xij
	Hoostyng horses	ciiij^{xx} viij
(*fo.* 88b).		
Wapentake of the Aynstye	Furste, coots of plate	xx
	Jakks	clxxvij
	Salletts	lxxxiiij
	Steyll capps	lxxxiij
	Splents	xxv
	Cheyns	vj
	Bills and halberts	vj^{xx} viij
	Battell axis	iij
	Ledemalls	ij
	Bowes	xxxvj
	Shaifs of arros	xxxiiij
	Hoostyng horses	vj^{xx} x
	Speres	vij
	Light geldings	vij[1]

fo. 96. **A Soldier who stayed behind.**

4 June 1 Edward VI (1547). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, George Gale and Robert Hall.

Myghell Dyconson of the Citie of York, taillour, personally apperyng before the said presents, beyng the kings commysoners appoyntyd for setting furth xxxij soldyers towards the Borders of Scotland, wherof the said Myghell was one of the said soldyers

[1] On May 25 the commissioners are ordered to send 32 men to Darlington by June 3. (*fo.* 92). A list of their names is to be sent to the President and Council of the North before next Saturday. The list is given on folios 92 to 97b.

and dyd nott go forwards in that journey, as he was by them appoyntyd, but dyd remain here within the same Citie to the parlus example etc. for the whiche mysdemeanour he was comyttyd to prison to the Mayers Kidcote; and afterward he beyng examynd he colde nott deny but that he hadd wilfully offendyd, insomuch that he hadd dissobeyd ther said commaundement by them to hym lately gevyn uppon the Kings behalf in not goyng to the said Borders. Further the said Mighell confessyd that he was servaunt and reteynyd with Sir John Ellerker, knyght, and that the said Sir John dydd gyve hym mete and drynk and xl^{s} fee by yere, whiche is nott onely agaynste the auncyent ordynaunce of this Citie but also agaynste dyvers statuts of our said sovereign lorde the King.

fo. 97. **Fishing Day. Cleansing the Ouse. The City's Charter.**

Processional Torches.

17 June 1 Edward VI (1547). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the fysshing day shalbe uppon monday next and the dynner to be at wyddo Ballands.

Also it is agreyd that the inhabitaunts within the iiij wards shall helpe to clense the watter of Owse aboute the newarke[1] and in other placs where moste neyd is and that they shall begyn in that warde where as they left the last tyme and that every person of abilitie to send an able laborer orells to bere the charge of a laborer for one day.

At whiche day my lorde Mayer dyd move the said presens of ther advyse and counsell as concernyng the newe confirmacon of the Kings chartours of this Citie. It was thought good to tarry unto Maister Recorder came frome London and to have his advyse and counsail for the same.

(*fo.* 97b). Also it is agred that where as Maister Dogeson, Maister Dobson and Maister White wantyd ther torches in the procession the fryday after Corpus Cristi day they shall pay every one of them iij^{s} iiij^{d}

And also the occupacons of the taillours oght to have hadd xij torches in the said procession and they wantyd iiij torches of the nombre for the whiche it was agreed they shall pay for a fyne therefore iij^{s} iiij^{d}

[1] The newarke is to-day called the New Walk, a portion of the river Ouse bank below York Castle. Compare Aldwark; the old fortification near Monk Bar. The new Wark or new fortification may be contrasted to the old wark on the Old Baile on the opposite bank of the river.

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fo. 98b.

Bilborough Beacon.

Attempted hostile landing in Yorkshire.

11 July 1 Edward VI (1547).

Instruccons gevyn by the lord Mayer of Yorke and his Bredren to the bailies of the Aynstie of the Kings behalf.

Furste that the said ballyes shall ryde furthwith to Sir William Fayrfax and Sir Robert Stapleton, knyghts, and to commaund them on the Kings behalf to cause the beakon to be in a ryddynes in all poynts and also furthwith to be kepte and watchyd and the said watche to begyn agayn next to those that watchyd it last. Forthermore they to gyve the Citie a day warnyng before that they shall enter to watche the said beakyn.

Item to to declare unto the said Sir William Fayrfax and Syr Robert Stapleton this worde came to the right honourable Lorde Precydent that yesternyght ther was seen of the see coosts abowte Flamborough xv gallys or great shipps of warre and fower hundreth of the men that was in them or ther abouts by estymacon dyd aryve and come of land and the contre beyng in a redynes did dryve them abourde agayn.

Item the said ballyffs immediatlye to gyve warnyng to the constables and inhabitaunts of every towneship to be in a ryddynes to serve the Kings majestie as they will make aunswere at ther uttermoste perells.

fo. 99b.

Muster of the Men of York.

12 July 1 Edward VI (1547). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the connstables shall gyve a warnyng to all men within this Citie to be in a redynes with horse, harnes and wapons to doe the King servyce and that they immediatlie do personally appere in like redynes uppon Heworth more before my lorde Mayer and his Bredren according to the Kings commyssion directyd for that purpose the tenour wherof hereafter ensewith.

To oure trustie and welbelovyd the Mayer of oure Citie of York.

In hast Hast for the lyef.

By the King

Trustie and welbelovyd we greet yowe well; and forasmuche as certen men of warre in gallys and other vessells and shypps doo remane uppon the see coostes foranempste Flambrugh in the Estriding of oure Countie of Yorke entending (*fo.* 100) great annoyaunce (as wee be crediblie enfourmyd) to this our realme and subjects, we therefore wolle and straightlie charge yowe that ye ymmediatlie do put in a redynes the Citizens of our Citie of Yorke and thaynstie and the same do sett forwards to Flameburgh

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for the repulse and resisting of thenemies. Yeven under our signet at our Citie of York the xij day of July.

And by his Counsaill.

By vertue and auctoritie of whiche commyssion my lorde Mayer and the said presens dyd nomynate John Northe, Alderman, to be capitane and John Dobson, butcher, one of the xxiiij to be petty capitane of certen soldyers of this Citie and thaynsty appoyntyd and mayde in a redynes to sett forwards to Flameburgh, bothe horsemen and footemen.[1]

fo. 106. **The City Charters. Carvers and Joiners.**

24 July, 1 Edward VI (1547). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, The Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs; 10 of the xxiv.

My lorde Mayer moved Maister Recorder of his counsaill when he thought good for to have the chartours of this Citie confirmyd, and Maister Recorder advise was that labour shuld be mayd for the same agaynste mighlemes terme next.

Agreyd that the occupacons of the joynours and carvours shall have a coppy of ther olde and auncyent ordynaunces and that they shall elect and chuse ther serchers emongs themselffs accordynglie.

fo. 107.

25 July 1 Edward VI (1547).

The Council of the North give order that 80 footmen from York and Ainsty be at Newcastle on 25th August.

(*fo.* 108). 28 July. Further order that 5 light horsemen be at Newcastle on 24th August.

(*fos.* 109b and 110). 12 August. Order for another 20 footmen.

fo. 110b. **The Sign of the Crescent.**

13 August 1 Edward VI (1547).

Robert Cryplyng of Yorke, bower, cam personally before my lorde Mayer and his Bredren and delyvered to William Bekwith of the same Citie, merchaunt, one indenture of the demyse and graunte of one tenement in Fossegate, callyd the Signe of the Cressand[2] with a litle balk howse and a garthe; and also of one howse lieng in Hundgait with a crabe mylne in it and a littil garthe on the baksyd.

[1] Names of the soldiers follow on folios 100 to 105b.
[2] Signe of the Cressand; the Crescent Moon.

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fos. 111-113. **List of Beacon Watchers.**

fo. 114. **Cart and Tent sent to the Army.**

26 August 1 Edward VI (1547).

The Council of North order that the City provide tents and carts for their soldiers.

To the right honourable and ther specyall good lorde the Erle of Warwyk.

After oure mooste humble commendaccons; pleas it to knowe that according to the Kings majesties high commaundement wee have sent unto your lordeship by our trustie officer, Robert Barker, the berer hereof, a carte with fyve horses and a tent, besuching your said Lordeship to be good lorde unto oure belovyd neghbours, the hundreth soldyers of the Citie of Yorke and the Aynsty, whiche wee by his Grace commaundement laitlie preparyd and sett forwards in his Grace is warres in Scotland; truthe is as it appereth by the auncyent records of the Citie of Yorke that wee and oure predecessours never found any carriage or tent for any nombre of souldyers heretofore but onelie at suche tymes as wee and our predecessours were (*fo.* 114b) commaunded by the Kings moste noble progenitours to electe and chuse a capitayn emongs our sellffs to take the standerd of our said Citie and to have the ledyng and conductyng of our nombre accustomyd, whiche is a hundreth soldyers. And where the said nombre at this tyme ar in severall retinues wee hadd no commaundement by his Highnes to furnyshe them of any carriage or tent as the said berer can enforume your Lordship

Frome York. xxviiith of August. The Mayour and his brethren Aldermen of the Citie of York.

fo. 120b. **Petition by the Commonalty.**

St Mathews day, 21 September, 1 Edward VI, 1547. *Present* —William Watson, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 11 of the xxiv.

In the Counsaill Chambre of the Common Hall Crystofer Conyers, merchaunt, and others of the Common Counsaile of this Citie and dyverse other honest men that haith beyn Chamberleyns of this City, to the nombre of lx and above, for them and in the name of all other inhabitaunts and Comminaltie of the said Citie dyd put in one bill (*fo.* 121) of supplicacon to the said presens for to have all the closes nigh adjoyning to this said Citie to be layd oppen from the feast of Saynt Mighell tharcangell next ensewyng unto the Lady day thannuncyacon next after followyng so that they and all other inhabitaunts, freholders and power Comminaltie of the said Citie may have ther commen and wynter

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ettaige in the same yerely from hensfurth as they and ther predecessours have hadd in the same heretofore peccably, withoute mynd of man to the contrary and that the iiij officers to my lord Mayer may go every of them within and abowte the wards to se that all the said closes be layd oppen from the said feast according to ther bounden dewties and auncyent custome of this said Citie, in whiche supplycaccon they demaundyd to have one aunswere, whiche aunswere was refaryd over unto monday next after ensewyng for dyvers consyderaccons.

fo. 122b. **The Petition of the Commonalty.**

Monday 26 September 1 Edward VI (1547). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Counsaill Chambre within the Common Hall for to gyve aunswere unto the Comminaltie of the said Citie beyng assignyd to come to the said Common Hall as towching ther supplicaccon heretofore mayde to the said presens for the common and average in the felds and closes nygh unto the said Citie as by the same bill of supplicaccon more playnly dothe appere.[1]

(*fo.* 123b) To the right honourable Lorde Mayer of the Citie of York and his worshipfull bredren Aldermen of the same.

In ther full humble wyse complainyng showeth unto your good Lordeship and Maistershipps your duly oratours, Christofer Connyers, John Johnson, Robert Smyth, John Ledale, Trystram Lytster, John Atkynson, William Wharton, Edmond Rychardson, Lowrance Collynson, John Robynson, John Langton, Rauf Hall, Myles Cowke, William Grysdale, John Wath, Thomas Temple, Robert Man, Robert Bold, Rauf Blayds, John King (and 44 others named) in the name of themselfs and all other citizens and inhabitaunts, and the freholders within the Citie of York and suburbs of the same.

In Consideracon of certen sommes of money to be payd to the Common Chambre of the said Citie oppon a mocyon mayd the last yere by your Lordeships predecessour, it was condisendyd and agreyd that dyverse closes nygh adjoning to the said Citie shuld be kepte in severaltie the last wynter and longer if the mooste parte of the Commons, inhabitaunts and freeholders of the said Citie thought it good and requysite and wolde assent unto the same or ells not. So it is, good Lorde and Maisters, that your

[1] Before the actual Petition is given there is a formal statement made of the names of the Council of the City who assembled in the Council Chamber within the Common Hall "unto whome the Common Counsaill for and in the name of the Commonaltie dyd put in a byll of supplycaceon to the said presens as hereafter followeth, worde by worde, and also mooste parte of the Commons of this Citie were then assemblyd in the said Common Hall to have ther aunswere as towchyng ther said supplycaccon hereafter following."

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said oratours and the mooste parte of all ther cociticyns (*fo.* 124) inhabitaunts and freholders bothe of the said Citie and suburbs of the same at this present fyndith that they have sustanyd great losse and damage thereby, and often tymes sence the said assent the said Commonaltie hath repentyd them sore for dyverse and many causes and consideraccons, and nowe dothe well consyder and knowe that if they, in consideraccon afforsayd, shuld any longer assent and agree to kepe the said closes in severaltie, it wolde be to the great dammage bothe of them and ther successours and also losse of ther common and liberties of the said Citie for ever. **Moreover** your said oratours have callyd to ther remembraunce the great sute and trowble that before this tyme was betweyn this Citie and Sir James Danby,[1] knyght, who in the right of Dame Agnes his wyf clamyd to have in severaltie the Hallfeld all the seasons of the yere by title of inhabitaunte in the right of his said wyf; and theruppon brought a *nisi prius* agaynste the Mayer and Comminaltie of this Citie, and after that the said Sir James exhibed a bill of complaynt to Henry the vij^th^ of famous memory, some tyme King of England, (whose solle God pardon) and to his moste honourable Counsaill agaynst the Mayer and Comminaltie of this Citie at that tyme beyng and thereby putt them in great payn, wrongfull vexacon, trouble and losse of the common money, whiche sute of *nisi prius* the said James Danbe afterward dyd dyscontynue, wheruppon the Mayer and Comminaltie of this Citie ever sence haith peceablie hadd and occupied ther averaige and comon with ther cattell in the said Hallfeld as of right they oght to doe, lykewyse as your suppliants and ther predecessours before that tyme, of right and by juste and lawfull tytle yerelie was accustomyd to have averrage and comon ther with there cattell frome Mighelmes unto the Lady Day thannuncyacon as it apperith more playnly emongs the aunsient records of this Citie, whiche is a specyall cause to be notyd consyderyng also that possession is a great strength in the lawe. Also that it may pleas your said Lordeship to call to remembrance that your said oratours of laite dyd bere of there owen proper goods (*fo.* 124b) to bryng the Common Chambre of this Citie owte of the debt of six hundreth marks and more money; and also sence that tyme thay have beyn at many other chargs within this said Citie to ther great impoverysshing; **In Consyderaccon** whereof your said oratours humble desierith and prayth your said Lordship and Maistershipps that they and theyr successours frome hensfurth may peceablie have, occupie and enjoy ther comon in the said closes according as they and there predecessours have alwais hadd and used heretofore withoute mynd of man, for truthe is that your said oratours and the moste parte of the power Comminaltie of the said Citie ar not habill to mayntayn there famelie

[1] See *York Civic Records* vols. 1 and 2.

and howsehold unlesse that they may have there said comon as there predecessours have always hadd in tymes past. **Moreover** your said oratours desierith that the Comon Sergiants of the fower wards of this Citie on Mighelmese day next may have in commaundement every serjiaunt within his ward to see the said closes layd oppen according to ther bounden dewties and as heretofore have be used and accustomed; and that it may pleas your good Lordeship and your Bredren by the advice of Maister Recorder of this Citie to gyve your said oratours one aunswere in the premysses before your Lordship nowe departe bycause the tyme of averaige is shortlie to be hadd within the said closes. And your said oratours shall dulye pray to God long to contynue your said Lordship and your Bredren in worship.

fo. 125. **The Mayor puts forward a Compromise which is rejected.**

And also the same day and yere the Comminaltie of the said Citie of York assemblyd in the said Common Hall, my Lorde Mayer and Maister Recorder of this Citie by the advice of his bredren, Aldermen dyd declare and showe unto the said Comminaltie that forsomyche as the Common Chambre of this said Citie is yerely put to great chargs and payments bothe concernyng the Kings Parlyament and dyverse other chargs whiche were not like to contynue onelesse that some good order and provision were devysed and mayde for the mayntenyng and upholdyng the said Common Chambre and chargs of the same, lovynglie dyd move the said Comminaltie that dyverse closes nigh aboute the said Citie ther as myght best and convenyentlye be sparyd to be takyn and latten to be enclosed wynter and somer for certen yeres and to pay to the Common Chambre of this Citie a yerely farme for the same to have to maynteyn and upholde the said Common Chambre, whereunto the said Comminaltie wolde not consent nor agree, but holy desyryd and requyered my said Lorde Mayer and his Bredren that they may have the comon and averaige in all the said closes like as they and ther predecessours have peceablie hadd and used heretofore and according to ther supplicaccon mayde in that behalf or ells it wold be to the impovershing and undoyng of the mooste parte of the poore Comminaltie for ever and further they desyeryd my said Lorde Mayer that uppon Mighelmesse day next he wolde cause his officers to se the said closes layd oppen according as it haith beyn alwaise used and accustomyd heretofore, and so they all lovinglie departyd.[1]

[1] On fo. 125b it is stated that order was given to the four officers to go into the four wards on Michaelmas day and see that the closes were laid open.

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fo. 127. **Thomas Gargrave becomes a free man of York and is made M.P.**

2 October 1 Edward VI (1547). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 9 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that if Maister Thomas Gargrave, esquyer, beyng one of the Kings mooste honourable Counsaill in thies North parties will take his franchest othe and bere his laufull favour to the said Citie in all the rights and liberties of the same, that then he is a man meyte and able to be one of the Citizens of the Kings Parlyament for the Countie of the Citie of York.[1]

fo. 128. **The Common Council Summoned.**

5 October 1 Edward VI (1547). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 3 Aldermen, 10 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the Common Counsaill of this Citie and other honeste Commoners of the same shuld be warnyd to be at the Common Hall uppon fryday at one of the clokk at afternoon next to come for to know ther mynds as concernyng the enclosyng of the graunge feyld.

fo. 128b. **The Archbishop of York asks for Common land for his servant. It is refused.**

Friday 7 October 1 Edward VI. *Present*—William Holme, Mayor, 2 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall. My Lorde Mayour shewyd unto the Common Counsaill and other honeste Commoners of this Citie that the lorde Archebysshope grace of Yorke, beyng President of the Kings moste honourable Counsaill in this North parts haith desyered them all to assent and graunt there good wills unto John Dawson, his gracs servaunte to have the Graunge fielde in severaltie, wynter and somer, by indenture for the terme of xxij yeres or under, payng therfore yerely a certen somme of money to the Common Chambre; and also he to be bounden with sufficient sewrties by obligacon that he the said John Dawson or his assignes shall lay oppen agayn the said Graunge field at the end of his said yeres; and if they wolde so consent and agree at his requeste his grace wold showe to them his laufull favour hereafter in suche thyngs as he myght doe for them and the said Citie. At whose mocion and requeste parte of the said Commonaltie to the numbre of xviij persons or thereabouts dyd consent and agree for to lett the said Graunge field to the said John Dawson to have the same in severaltie; (*fo.* 128) and thodder parte of the said Commonaltie to the nombre of fyfteen or there[abouts] woolde not consent nor agree to lett the same Graunge field, but lovynglie desyeryd and

[1] Gargrave along with Alderman William Holme was chosen to represent York at the Parliament to be held on 4 November (*fo.* 127b).

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prayd my said Lorde Mayer and his Brethren that they myght have ther averaig with ther cattell in the same likewyse as they and ther predecessours beyng free inhabitaunts of the said Citie have peceablie hadd and used heretofore withoute mynde of man to the contrary.[1]

fo. 130b. **Tapiters Fined. Business in London.**

21 October 1 Edward VI (1547). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, William Tancred Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Wylfryde Pynder, tapitour, beyng one of the wardens of that occupacon, who haith submyttyd hymself to the order of this howse for that he haith of lait blendyd hare and wolle togydder and wyrkyng the same in coverletts and haith put the same to saile; uppon whiche submyssion it is agreyd that he shall pay therefore to the Common Chambre fortie shillings.[2]

Also it is agreyd that Myles Newton, the Common Clerk, shall ryde to London about the confirmacon of the Chartres and other affayres and busynesses according to certen instruccons to be mayd for the same.

fo. 132. **Instructions to M.Ps.**

8 October 1547.

Furste the chartres of Herry second and Rychard furste to be furste entryd in the newe confirmacon.

Item all the charters of Edward third to be entryd togydders in order.

Item all other chartres to be entryd as they be in the olde confirmacon.

Item the chartre and graunte for the awtoritie of the Mayer to take recognysaunce uppon statute marchaunt.

Item the chartre for kepyng a fayre within the said Citie.

Item the chartre of elleccon of the Mayer and Shyrryffs.

Item to remembre that the Citizens of York ar greatlie chargyd whan any tax is grauntyd to the Kings majestie and to sewe for remedy therin, for truthe is that they pay at every payment cxxxvj^{li} and dyvers parishes within the Citie and suburbes ar utterlie decayd.

Item to speke with Maister Tebold and to delyver the Kings wryte of Parlyamente with the indenture of the same.

Item one recorde under the Kings seall for the Admyraltie.

[1] On 28 October (fo. 131) it was agreed "that the Graunge feyld shall be layd oppen agayn by one of my Lorde Mayer offycers."

[2] On 28 October other tapiters are fined for the like offence.

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fo. 133.

Payment of Priests in St. William's Chapel.
Letter to M.Ps.

23 November 1 Edward VI (1547). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 3 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that ther shalbe a lettre sent unto Maister Gargrave and Maister Holme, Citizens of the Parliament for this Citie, concernyng the sute of John Hardyn and others.

Item it is agreyd that Syr Robert Bell, preyst, shall frome hensforth say the morro masse[1] uppon Owsebrige at vj of the cloke or ther abowts excepte tyme of make eise, and he to have for takyn paynes therin xx^{s} over and above his stypend of v^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} whiche he haith had yerely payd heretofore in consyderacon that Henry Smyth, clerk of the Chapell, haith rebaityd of his waigs whiche he was accustomyd to have heretofore, that is to say xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} yerely.

(*fo.* 133b) Agreyd that ther shallbe sent up to London by William Wharton, one of the Chamberleyns, to be payd unto Maister Gargrave and Maister Holme, our Burgesses, x^{li} for the Citie affairs.

Also it is agreyd that William Man shall ryde to London with lettres to the Burgesses as consernyng the affairs and busynes of this Citie.

After owre hartie comendacons; pleas it the same to knowe that of lait one John Hardyng commensyd one accon of dett uppon one obligacon in the Kings majestie Courte of Owsbrig before the Shyrryffs of the Citie of York agaynste John Ben, by force wherof the said Ben was attachyd and for lakk of surytie dyd remane in pryson; wee have sent you by William Man, one of our common officers, this berer, a trewe coppy so farr as the said Shyrryffs haith procedyd in the said accon; and also a coppy of the Kings majestie lettres no further to procede therin appon a certen payn as by the contents of the said lettres more playnlie it dothe appere desyeryng you to consyder that the said Courte is the Kings Courte and a Courte of Record, and that (*fo.* 134) the Shyrryffs for the tyme beyng by poynt of the Kings chartres and graunts haith laufull auctorytie to hold plee in all accons bothe reall and personall; further to consyder that the Citie of York haith cognysaunce of plee and many notable precydents of the allowauncs therof before the Kings justics, bothe of his bynche Common place and all other placs; also to consyder that the perquesyts and proffetts of that Courte is a parcell of our fee farme; wherefore the premysses consyderyd uppon the sight of our chartres and graunts nowe beyng in your custody, we hartely desyer you in all our matters to make suyte to the right high and myghtie prynce and our singuler good lorde the lorde Protectours grace, the lord

[1] "Morrow Mass" was the first mass of the day.

Chancellour of Englond and to other lords and maisters of the Kings highnes mooste honourable Counsaill as you shall thynk best for the preservaccon of our liberties in all thyngs, accordyng to suche confidence and specyall truste as wee have comyttyd unto you in wryting under our common seall with the advyse and counsaill of Maister Tankerd, our Recorder, nowe beyng at London who is partely privay to the said injuncon. The Kings acts is that Justics shall not surseas to do right in no poynt by commaundement by the Kings great seall or prevey seall, therfore ye may be the more bolde to sewe of the said sute with effecte and if the Kings said mooste honourable Counsaill commaund yowe to shewe the allowaunces of our said chartres and graunts, then pray of them to have a day certen prefixed, some day the next terme, for truth is that wee ar fully determynyd that the Kings subjects shalbe no more delayd in sewyng of any accons befor the said Shyrryffs and ther successours. For the better expedicon of all our common affayres and busynes wee have sent unto you ten pounds by Maister Wharton, one of the Chamberleyns of the said Citie as this said berer can enfourme you, to whome we desyer you to gyve credence therin and thus we pray God to send you prosperous helth and well to speyd.

xxv Novembre.

Yours assuryd William Watson Mayer of the Citie of York and his brethren, Aldermen of the same.

fo. 136. **Priests of St. William's Chapel.**

20 November 1 Edward VI (1547). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Henry Smyth, clerk of the chappell of Saynt William of Ousebryg personally came before the said presens, and whereas Lady masse and other dyvyne servyce that was sometyme done within the said chappell doyth nowe cesse so that he is lesnyd of his paynes and attendaunce and heruppon he haith submyt hym to the order of the said presens; appon whiche submissyon the said presens agreyth that the said Henry shall have yerely of the Common Chambre of this City fyve marks at the termes accustomyd for helpyng of the preest of the said chapell to say masse and ringyng of the bell, kepyng of the clok of Ousebryg and all ornaments belongyng to the said chapell, clensyng and kepyng cleyn of the said chapell; and it is farther agreyd that the said Henry shall have the common house of Ousebrige that he nowe dwells in for his rent paynge to the brigmaysters of Ousebrig for the tyme beyng to the use of the said Common Chambre duryng his lyf naturall . . .[1]

[1] Blank.

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(*fo.* 136b) Item it is agreyd that Sir Robert Barbour, preest, shall have x^{s} for his payne in doinge of the morowe masse of Owsebrige sens Whetsonday last past to be paid unto hym by the Chamberleyns of this Citie.

fo. 137. **M.Ps. Paid.**

2 January 1 Edward VI (1547-8). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Maister Holme, beyng one of the Citizens of the Parliament for the said Citie, showyd and declaryd to the sayd presens a brydgement of all and singuler acts of the Kings his courte of Parliament as followith[1] here after; wher uppon it is agreyd that the said Maister Holme shall be payd the resydue of his waigs for the Parliament money for Maister Gargrave and hym, and also all other money by hym dysbursed as well for confirmaccon of the chartres of this Citie as all other affayres and busynes of the said Citie as by certen bills of parcells therof mayd it dothe appere.

fo. 138. **Act for Union of Parishes in York.**

Where in the Citie of Yorke and suburbes of the same there is many parishe churches whiche heretofore the same beyng well inhabited and replenyshed with people was good and honest leving for lernyd incumbents by reason of the prevey tythes of the riche merchaunts and of the offerings of a great multitude, which levings is nowe so muche decayd by the ruyne and decay of the said Citie and of the trade of merchaundyse ther that there revenues and profetts of dyverse of the same benefices ar at this present not above the clere yerely value of xxvj^{s} viij^{d} sterlings so that a great sorte of them are not a competent and honest leving for a good curate ther and no person will taike the cure but that of necessitie there is either some chauntre prest or ells some lait religious person beyng a stypendary taken and appoyntyd to the said cure and benefice wherfor the mooste partie ar onlernyd and very ignorant persons nor able to do any parte of the dewties by reason wherof the said Citie is is not onely replenyshed with blynd gydes and pastowers but also the people muche kept in ignoraunce as well of there dewties towards God as also towards the Kings majestie and the common welth of this realme and to the great daunger of ther soules **In Consideracon** whereof and for the better releif and order of the said Citie it may pleas the Kings majestie by thassent of the Lords spyrituall and temporall and the Commons in this present Parliament assemblyd and by the auctorytie of that same that frome hensefurth it shalbe laufull to the Mayer and Recorder of the said Citie and to the ordynary or deputy, and six Justices of peace being Aldermen of the said Citie to unyte and

[1] This list is given fo. 137a.

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knytte (*fo.* 138b) togydders the said parisshes in to a fuer nombre, that is to wytte, so many of the said parishes in to one parishe as to them shalbe thought convenyent to be a lyving for one honest incumbent so the clere yerely value therof of one parishe excede not xx^{li} sterling by yere, and so to procede through the same Citie and the suburbes of the same; and that it shalbe laufull to the said Mayer, Recorder and Aldermen to put downe the churches which they shall think superflyous in the said Citie and suburbes thereof and to bestowe the same towards the reparacons and inlargement of the other churches, of the brigges of the said Citie and to the releif of the power people; and further that the said Mayer, Recorder, Ordinairie or his deputie and six Justices of peace shall allote and appoynt the presentment and patronaige of the churche so knytted to the patrones of all the churches so knytt in one parishe that they may have the presentments by turne every one according to the quantitie of his former patronage **provided** alwais and as is inactyd by the auctoritie afforesaid that all suche incumbents of the churches afforesaid that shalbe put doune by vertue of this acte shall have the yerelie value of their benefices after the rait they pay tenthes duryng ther lyves so they will doe servyce therefore in the churche appoyntyd for the parishe churche according to ther former dewties; and if they refuse to serve then they onelie duryng ther lyves to have the thirde parte of the value as is aforsayd and to be payd at the hands of the incumbents of the parishe church to be appoyntyd **provided** also and be it inactyd by the auctoritie afforesaid that the incumbents of the churche which by vertue of this acte shalbe mayd and ordenyd for the parishe churche and wherunto any other parishe or parishes shalbe unytt shall after the same unyon yerelie pay the tenthes due to the Kings majestie his heires and successoures of the same churche and of all the others therunto unyted and anexed (*fo.* 139) and the same incumbent to have his allowance of the incumbents of the churches unyted duryng there lives according to rate and porcon of the churches so unyted as shalbe assigned to the abovesaid persones havyng auctoryte to unyte the same; and also that the successour and successoures of every suche incumbent of the churches that shalbe mayd the parishe churches and wherunto any churche or parishe shalbe unyted by force of this Acte shall pay the furste frutes therof at every avoydaunce accordyng to the Statute therof proved and accordyng to the value and rate of all the benefyces so unyted togydders as they were chargyd and chargeable before the said unyon or unyons.

fos. 139b & 140.

Order from the Kings Council dated at York 22 January 1 Edward VI for a general muster to be held in the County of York.

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The certificate of Robert Paycoke, Mayer of the Citie of York, Syr Robert Stapilton, knyght, Peter Robynson, William Watson, Aldermen, Thomas Standevyn and James Symson, Shyrryffs of the same Citie, mayd to the right honourable lorde Presydent and others of the Kings majestie mooste honourable Counsaill establisshyd in thies Northe parties uppon musters and vewe by them takyn of all thable men within the said Citie and Aynsty aswell horsmen as footemen the sext day of Febuary (2 Edward VI).

The nombre of all thable men within the Citie of York, suburbes of the same and the wapentake of thaynsty.

mcccx

Whereof be

Archers furnysshed with coots of plaite and jakks, cxv Bylmen furnyshed with white harneshe coots of plate and jakks cc.	Able persons horsed and harnessyd cccxv.
Archers with coots of plate and jakks lxvj Bylmen furnyshed with white harnes, coots of plate, jakks and almaner revetts xlj	Able persons harnyssyd withoute horses cvii.
Archers cclxvj Bylmen vj^{c} xxij	Able persons withoute horse harnes or weapon viij^{c} iiij^{xx} viij.

The said Mayer and other the said Commyssioners have in a redynes of the nombre abovesaid, furnyshed, wapenyd and armyd with coots of playte and steill cappes to serve the Kings majestie as they shalbe appoyntyd uppon one howers warnyng according to his Graces commyssion. xx able fotemen.

In wytnesse hereof the said Commysioners to this Certificate have sett ther hands and sealls the day and yere abovewryttyn.

fo. 4b. **Former Recorder dead. Present Recorder now to receive full fees.**

Friday 23 February 2 Edward VI (1547-8). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Whereas God have callyd to his marcy Sir Rychard Paige, knyght, lait Recorder of this Citie, who hadd one annuytie of xij^{li}; William Tankerd, esquire uppon his amyttance to the said office hadd a full promes of the olde and auncyent fee to the same office belongyng, that is to say, twenty marks in money and his

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clothyng accustomyd; the said presence by one assent doithe now approbaite and affyrme to the said William Tankerd for the terme of his life.

fo. 5b. **Commission to ascertain what Soldiers can be raised in York.**

To our trustie and welbelovyd the Mayer of our Citie of Yorke, Sir Robert Stapylton, Sir William Fayrfax, knyghts and to the Aldermen and Shyrryffs of our said Citie or to two of them.

By the King.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete you well; and where our rebelles the Scotts conservyng coureage by occacon of suche ayde and succour as they truste to receyve frome some forren parties, preparyng theymselfs by all means and wayes they may, not onelie to attempte the recompence of suche countreis, peecs and fourtres as we by the helpe of God have of laite conqueryd, wonne and buylded within that realme, but also by all other means to their possible prepare thannuyaunce of suche scottyshmen as have acknowelegyd ther boundon dewties of subjeccon and have submyttyd them selfs unto us and all other our loving subjects uppon ther frontiers, lyke as wee have hitherto by the goodnes of Almyghtie God, not onelie honourable preserved oure realmes and mooste loving subjects frome there malice but also many ways punyshed, wastyd and consumed them as there untrwethe and dysloyall procedings have well deservyd and besyds that gottyn suche an entre in the sayd countrey as shalbe we truste a perpetuall remembraunce of our victories uppon them in these our tender yeres, and a good encreas and surtie for oure realme for ever; so myndyng to be at all tymes in full arredynes bothe for the preservacion, defence and succour of our domynyons and subjects and for the annuyaunce also of the said Scotts as to our honour and common welthe of this realme dothe apperteyne, we have resolvyd with thadvyse and (*fo.* 6) counsell of our derest uncle, the Duke of Somersett, governour of our person and protectour of our realmes and domynyons and subjects, and the reiste of our Prevay Counsaill to have forthwith generall musters takyn and mayd in every place; wee have thought good to appoynt yowe our Commyssioners within that our Citie of Yorke and Countie of the same Citie; and therefore our pleasoure and commaundement is that ymmediatlie uppon the syght herof assemblyng yourselfs togidders in some convenyent place and consideryng well theffecte of theis our lettres yowe shall take order for your dyvicon into suche severall hundreths, parties and quarters of the said Citie as the chardge comytteth unto you may be executyd with all spede and celerytie and beyng so devyded you shall severalie every nombre of you accordyng to your allotements take a full and perfite muster of all the able men for the warres mete [to] serve on horsbak or on

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foote, notyng howe many of them shalbe archers, howe many hakquebutters, bylmen or mete to handle the pyke; and to thentent we wylbe assertenyd of the nombre of good and able horses or geldings mete to serve for dymy launces and light horsemen wee have thought good to requyre yowe at this tyme of musters to enquere thereof and in whose hands the said horses do remayne and also to enquere dyligentlie and consydre what store of armour, harnes or other mynycons at this present remanyth.[1]

fo. 8. **The Certificate of the Musters.**

Citie of Yorke and wapentake of the Aynsty.

The nombre of speremen furnyshed with light horses	viij
The nombre of archers furnyshed with harnes and hostyng horses	lv
The nombre of archers with harnes and no horses	liij
(*fo.* 8b) The nombre of archers havyng nether horse nor harnes	cxlj
The nombre of bylmen having harnes and hostyng horses	cxxxvij
The nombre of bylmen furnyshed with harnes and no horses	ciiij^{xx} xix
The nombre of bylmen having nether horses nor harnes	iiij^{c} liij
The nombre of persons, not able, having harnes and hostyng horses	xiiij
The nombre of persons, not able, having harnes and no horses	xxxiiij
The nombre of persons having able horses and no harnes	xiiij
The nombre of able horses and harnes for demye lances	one
The nombre of gonners with harquebutts and handgonnes	viij

fo. 9. **Beacon to be set up at Bilborough.**

7 March 2 Edward VI (1547-8). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 11 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the Shyrryffs and the balays and officers shall furthwith go in to the Aynstie and cause the beaken be sett upp at Bilbrugh and all things to be mayd and preparyd for the same.[2]

fo. 11b. **Sir Martin Bowes pleads for St. Cuthbert's Church.**

Friday 16 March 2 Edward VI (1547-8). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

[1] This order is dated at York, 4 February and the return has to be made by the Sunday following.

[2] The reason for this is a letter from the Council in the North reporting that assistance is being sent to the Scots by sea and some attempt might be made against the coast.

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One lettre was shewyd and declaryd that was sent frome Maister Martyn Bowes, knyght and Alderman of London and unto the gentle request mayde in the said lettre the said presens dyd fully consent and agree.

To the right honourable and my singuler good lorde, the Lorde Mayour of the Citie of Yorke, and to the right worshipfull Maister Recorder and Aldermen of the same, yeve this.

Right honourable and my singuler good lorde I hartely recommend me unto your good lordship and to all my Maisters, your right worshipfull brethren, the Aldermen, evermore willing, wysshing and desieryng the prosperytie of your Lordship, the commoditie and common welthe of that auncyent Citie of Yorke, wherin I was borne of my naturall mother, by reason whereof I of naturall inclynacon am the more bounden to owe my good wyll and servyce to helpe bothe in worde and deyd to the commoditie and common welthe of the same and so I entend to doo to my power duryng my lyf; that it may pleas your good lordshipp and mastershipps (*fo.* 12) to be advertised that at the last session of Parliament ther passed an Acte concernyng the unyon of churches in Yorke, whiche acte at the request of the right worshipfull Master Holmes, Alderman of York, I putt my good wyll with all the helpe of my freynds to sett forwards; wherupon I made a hartie request to the saide Maister Holmes to move your good Lordship and all your Bredren on my behalf that the parishe churche of Saynt Cothebert in Peseholme myght be one of them that shuld stand, in whiche parishe I was borne and my great graundefathere whiche was Mayer of Yorke and my graunde father Shyrryf, who were bothe founders and patrons of the same churche and gave bothe books, bells and all other ornaments to the same, albeyt that it is nowe somethyng decayd yit is it a newe churche and strong, able with a litle helpe to stande longar then any churche nere ther abouts, wherefore my humble suytt to your good Lordeship and to all my Maisters is to have your laufull favour for the preferement of the same and in so doyng ye bynde me and all myne hereafter to have suche like naturall effeccion towards the said Citie of Yorke as well in worde as in deyd to the uttermoste of my power duryng my lyf; wherfor I am so bolde to wryte unto your good Lordeship at this tyme, not for by cause I have any doubte that Maister Holmes haithe forgottyn my suyte unto you, but forbycause I wolde this litle bill shulde your good Lordshipe efte sones in remembrance of the same accordyng to my dewtie; and thus I commytt yowre Lordeship with all the reiste of my maisters, your Brethren, to the kepyng of the Holy Trinitie. Wryttyn at London the viijth day of Marche 1547

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Your Lordeship loving freynd Martyn Bower, knyght and Alderman of London.[1]

fo. 13. **York Council's attempt to reduce an Annuity to Sir Michael Stanhope.**

21 March 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor and 11 others.

To the right worshipfull Sir Mighell Stanope, knight, be this delyveryd.

After our hartie commendacons unto your mastership; where as that our predecessoures in tymes past dyd graunte unto Sir Rycherd Paige, knyght, uppon his gratitude shewyd unto the Citie of Yorke the office of Recordership with the accustomable fee pertenyng to the same, and bycause he perseyving that his personall apperaunce was daly necessary to be in the said Citie for the executyng of the said office, as it dyd to hym apperteyn, he beyng perfitelie instructyd therof was of his owen good wyll contentyd to surrender the said office reservyng yerely one annuytie (*fo.* 13b) of xij^{li}, parcell of the said accustomable fee; and after communicacon had betwixt you and hym for the same you addressyd your lettre unto us for thassurance to be hadd to you of the said xij^{li}; whiche office and all theaccustomable fee wee hadd ten yeres past decreyd and promysed the said office and the hole fee to one William Tankerd Esquyer, lernyd in the Common Lawe, who in hope of the same office haith not onely takyn payns in the said office but also susteanyd great chargs in executyng the same, who haith nowe the said office and the hole fee under our seall according to the said promes, whiche matter we certefied you by our lettre at suche tyme as one Maister Holme was then Mayer; sence whiche tyme it pleasyd God to call the said Maister Paige to his marcy; after whose deathe our good lorde tharchebusshop of York haith of your behalf moved us to graunte you the same fee whiche the said Sir Rychard Paige [had]; and we consideryng the great gentylnes and favour whiche you shewyd to us at the tyme of your habitacon in thies parties ar contentyd notwithstandyng the great povertie of the said Citie to pay yerely to you sex pounds, thirteyn shillings and fowre pence duryng your lyf, requerynge you to accepte the same and our good harts unto suche tyme that we by youre bettre helpe may be more able to enlarge the same; and that frome hensefurth it may stand with your pleasure that we may resorte unto your maistership to have your advise and counsaill in all our laufull and necessary affayres

[1] This request was granted and St. Cuthberts Church still stands. Sir Martin Bowes was Lord Mayor of London in 1545. He gave to York a sword of state which is still used. He also sent a bason and ewer which no longer exist. Particulars of this gift will be given in a forthcoming volume.

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concernyng the common welthe of the said Citie; and what your pleasour shalbe herin to certefie us in wryting by this berer.

xxij day of Marche.

By your loving freynds, Robert Paycoke, Mayer of the Citie of Yorke and his bredren, Aldermen of the same.[1]

fo. 14b. **Pinners wanted by the Army.**

5 May 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Hast post for thy lyf
By the King. for thy lyf
for thy lyf

Trustie and welbelovyd we great you well; and for as muche as the necessarye advauncement of our weightie affayres in the Northe parties requyreth the furnytour of a good nombre of pynoures, therefore uppon specyall truste in your diligences wee do appoynt, auctorise and straithlie charge and commaund you immediatlie uppon the sight hereof and with all hast possible to levie, taike and trie oute of oure Citie of Yorke and the Aynsty the nombre of threscore and ten of the moste able and mete laborers to serve as pynowers, takyng (*fo.* 15) suche orders as the sayd pynours and every of them faill not to be at Newbrugh on tewysday next commyng where they shalbe resavyd by certen persons specyally appoyntyd for the purpose and be payd sufficyent money in prest[2] for ther charges; willing and streightlie eftsones commaundyng yowe to use suche diligence and cyrcumspeccon as well in chose of the sayd men as also in there sure gatheryng together at the day and place afforesayd as the same be spedely done, all other matters and busynes utterlie sett appert, lest that the hyndraunce of oure sayd affayres by your neclygence herein be more layd to your charge then ye be well hable to aunswere unto. Yeven under oure signett at oure Citie of Yorke the fourte day of May the second yere of our reigne.

And by his Counsaile.

fo. 16. **Full Annuity granted to Sir Michael Stanhope.**

To the right worshipfull Syr Myghell Stanope, knyght, be this delyveryd.

Right worshipfull after oure mooste hartie commendacons hadd unto your Maistership; where we percey[ve] by our servaunte

[1] On March 6 Stanhope sent answer by the bearer "that oneles the sayd Maier and his Bredren wold graunt unto hym the same fee that Sir Rychard Paige, knyght, hadd, that they shuid gyve the said fee to whom as they wolde.

[2] In prest; in advance.

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that your maistership was not pleasyd to take of oure gyft one annuytie of vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} duryng your lyf raither then wee wylbe dysolaite of your favour towards the Citie of York we ar fully agreed to burden the said Citie to graunte you one annuytie of xij^{li} duryng your sayd lyf whereof we shall send you a pattent in wrytyng before mydsomer next. Trustyng hereafter to have your favour and good wyll in all oure affayres concernyng the sayd Citie and especyally for purchase of suche chauntre land as is within the said Citie and suburbes of the same; not for any proffet or commoditie that we shall have thereby, but seeyng that the said lands shuld decay if it shuld come to the possession of straungers, whiche wylbe a great defaysyng to the said Citie.

8 Mar 1548. By your loving freynds,

Robert Paycoke, Mayer of the Citie of Yorke, and his bredren Aldermen of the same.

fo. 16b. **The Common Clerk to go to London on business. Corpus Christi Play.**

25 May 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Miles Newton, Common Clerk, shall ryde upp to London for to be solycitour for this Citie for dyvers causes according to instruccons to be gevyn to hym for the same.

Agreyd that Corpus Cristy play shalbe playd this yere, certen pagyaunts excepte, that is to say, the deying of our Lady, assumpcon of our Lady and coronacon of our Lady.

fos. 17-19.

28 May 2 Edward VI (1548).

List of people from parishes in York to serve their turn as watchers at Bilborough beacon.

fos. 19b & 20.

30 May 2 Edward VI (1548).

Letter from the Kings Council in the North to the Mayor and Council of the City, reminding them of their commission to have musters ready to march on an hours warning, pointing out that this is the season of the year when activitiy on the part of the enemy may be looked for.

fo. 20b. **The Common Clerk's journey.**

8 June 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

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Agreyd that Maister Newton shall ryde to London uppon Monday or tewysday next and the Chamberleyns to pay hym at his goyng xx^{li}, whereof Sir Myghell Stanop, knyght, to have for his furste half yere fee vj^{li} and the resydew for the affayres of this said Citie.

Sir Michael Stanhope's good Service to York.

Die lunae 11 June 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Assemblyd in the Counsaill Chambre in the Comon Hall when and where the Common Counsaill beyng then and ther asemblyd, for dyvers causes and consideracons dyd graunt that Syr Mighell Stanope, knyght, shall have a pattent of the annuytie of xij^{li} by yere duryng his lyf naturall under the common seall of this Citie and in especyall for that the said Sir Mighell Stanop by reason of his humble sute mayd to the Lord Protectours grace haith opteanyd the preferment of the purchase of all the chauntre land within the said Citie to the Mayer and Comonaltie of the said Citie and for his laufull favour hereafter to be shewyd in causes and busynessys of the said Citie.[1]

fo. 22.

12 June 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Christofer Connyers, merchaunte, shall have a lease of the tower callyd Talkyn tower with the litle howse and garding belongyng to the same.[2]

fo. 22b. **100 Footsoldiers to be raised in York.**

28 June 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 12 of the xxiv.

To the Mayer or his deputie.

By the King.

Trustie and welbelovyd we grete you well; and for asmuche as uppon specyall truste in yower audacytie, good conning and forwardnes in our servyce and affayres we have appoyntyd you to be capteyn and leder of one hundreth fotemen to be takyn owte of our Citie of York and the Aynstie of the same, therefore we woll and commaund you ymediatlie uppon the sight hereof to putt your self and your said nombre in suche perfyte redynes as ye

[1] A list of the Chantry lands that came in to the possession of the City can be found in MS. Book 76 among the City records.

[2] Robert Talkan, a vintner, Mayor in 1399, gave his name to two York buildings Talkan Hall in Coney Street; and Talkan Tower near Fishergate Bar.

and they under your rewle and conduccon faill not to be mete and fully furnyshed appon one howres warnyng (*fo.* 23) to sett forwards to suche place and by suche day as to you shalbe hereafter commaundyd, and for the better knowliege for the men appoyntyd to serve under yowe our pleasower is that ye not onelie repare to the Lorde Precydent of our Counsell in the Northe parties for there names and dwelling placs but also that ye frome tyme to tyme frome vertue hereof do call the same men before you and muster them as by your discression as ye shall thynke moste convenyent for ther better array and furnytour towards ower servyces whereof the tyme beyng yit not fullie determynyd wee dowbte not but you will therof take occasione to consider that we thynke a shorte warnyng to be suffycient for you and them whan soever neyd shall requyre.

Busshopthorpe 26 June. And by his Counsall.

fo. 23b. **The Demands on the City for Soldiers**

Monday 29 June 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 11 of the xxiv.

Assemblyd for the appoyntyng of one hundreth able men for the warre according to the Kings Commyssion directyd for the same it is agreyd that for somuche as the said Citie and Aynsty is chargyd to set furthe ccc able men to be footemen for the Citie and Aynsty there shalbe a lettre sent to the Erle of Shrewysbury the tenour whereof hereafter ensewith.

To the right honourable and our especiall good Lord, the Erle of Shrewsbury, Lieutenaunte of the Countie of York

Please it your good Lordship to be advertisyd that where of lait by vertue of the Kings majestie Commyssion to me and my Brethren directyd frome the Lorde Precydent of the Northe parties for the viewe and muster within the Citie and Aynsty of Yorke all able persons for the warrs to be furnyshed with harnes (*fo.* 24), accordinglie with paynefull diligence we have certefied to be within the said Citie the nombre of cc able furnyshed men and for the Aynsty c able furnyshed men; and nowe at this present the said Lorde President haith directyd thro severall Comyssions directyd to thre severall capitaines commanding them and every of them severally to put in arredynes within the said Citie and Aynsty c able persons fully furnyshed to be reddy and to sett forwards uppon one howers warnyng; and be cause we be by the Kings majestie chartours governours and rewlers of the said Citie haith thought good to remembre your good lorship that the sayd Citie and Aynsty shalnot onely be chardgyd to furnyshe moo men then ther is furnyshed with harnes by xlviij who is sett forwards

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and goone as light horsmen and other but also the said Citie shalbe dyssolaite of armour for defence of the same. Wherefore we woll desyer your good lordship of your advyse concernyng the premysses; and thus Jesu preserve your good Lordship long to contynewe in honour. Frome the Citie of York this xxix of June 1548.

Robert Paycoke, Mayer and his brethren Aldermen.

fo. 24b. **Letter from the Common Clerk. City's Captain.**

6 July 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Ther was a lettre redd and declaryd whiche came from Miles Newton, the Common Clerk, frome London, unto my Lorde Mayer and his Brethren and Commonaltie of his pursuts in the Citie affayres and what that he haith done therin according to his instruccons.

Also that Percyvall Selby appoyntyd to be capteyn of one hundrethe fotemen of this Citie as my Lorde Mayer is deputy shall have preparyd and geven for that purpose one velvet coote of the chargs of the said Citie and other his accustomeable chargs.[1]

fo. 25.

(*fo.* 25) Robert Man is appointed petty captain and is also to have his coat at the Citys expense.

fo. 28b. **Churches to be sold. Survey of Fishgarths.**

27 July 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that my Lorde Mayer shall make sayll of thos churches here after following after his dysch[r]ession and the money resavyd therefore to be imploynd according to the Acte for the same, that is to day, Saynt Peter the lytle, xl^{li}.
Clemynthorpe.

Also it is agreyd that the fyshegarths shalbe vewyd uppon monday next after Lames day.

fo. 29. **Lead removed from St. Martin's Micklegate.**

28 July 2 Edward VI (1548).

John Bean of the Citie of Yorke, Alderman, haith come personallie before me, Robert Paycok, Mayer of the sayd Citie and haith knowelgyd hymself to be bounden in the some of xx^{li} that all the lead whiche was takyn of the churche of Saynt Martyns in

[1] On 16 July.

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Mykkylgate shalbe furth comyng and in save kepyng unto suche tyme as my Lorde Mayer and his Brethren shall call for the same.

And after this a nother order was taken that the parochianours of the said paryshe shall delyver to the Common Chambre before Mighelmes next fyve fowders lead.

fo. **29b.**

10 August 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the churche wardens and parochianours of Saynt Martyns Churche in Mykkylgait with one assent ar contentyd to delyver before Myghelmes next unto the Common Chambre of this Citie fyve fowders lead to be takyn of the sayd churche, in consideracon that the same churche was one of the churches that was agreyd to be takyn downe and unytyd to an other churche, and the said parochianours to cause theke the same churche agayn with tylle of ther owen proper costes and charges.

fo. 31b. **The Common Lands of the City to be laid open.**

Friday during the feast of St. Mathew 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Assemblyd in the Comon Hall.[1]

Agreyd with the consent of the Common Counsaill that the officers of the iiij wards shall goo within and abowte the said wards uppon Mighelmes day next at after none and to lay oppen all suche enclosers whiche oght of right to lie oppen frome the feeste of Saynt Mighell tharcaungell unto the feaste of thanuncyacon of our Lady that the Comminaltie of this Citie may have theyr averaige in the same according to the auncyent usaige and custome of the said Citie.

fo. 33. **A poor mariner to be set free from Prison.**

To my freynd the Maier of the Citie of York and to all other offycers charged with the kepyng of John Piers, marryner.

After right hartie commendacons, for asmoche as it haith pleasyd the Kings majestie at the sute of the Lorde Protectour and other the Lords of the Kings mooste honourable Counsaill to graunte to John Piers, maryner, remanyng in your kepyng as prisoner condempnyd to death and repri[ev]ed uppon consideracons I have sent you the power mans pardon to se and to delyver to hym agayn, inrolling the same with your self for that he must plede the same pardon this terme for his clere discharge, whiche

[1] New Sheriffs were elected on this day.

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John Piers, I pray you, delyver to libertie that he may remayn with John Hynymore be cause the power man haith nothyng; wherein I pray you also shewe your charrytie for his fees and costs and God will rewarde yowe for it. Thus fare yowe well. Wretyn the xv day of Septembre 1548.

Your frende, W. Seynt John.

fo. 34b. **The Bounds of the City viewed.**

Memorandum that uppon tewysday the ixth day of Octobre (2 Edward VI) the right worshipfull Robert Paycoke, Mayer of the Citie of York, his bredren Aldermen of the same, the Shirryffs and xxiiij of the Counsaill of the said Citie and dyverse honest persons of the Commonaltie of the said Citie attendyng of the said Mayer dyd view and ryde the lymytts and bounds of the said Citie accordyng to the tenour, forme and effecte of the chartres registryd and other auncyent wrytyngs of recordes of the said Citie by the discression and advyce of the Counsell lernyd of the said Citie.

fo. 35b. **Chantry Lands.**

26 October 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, and 11 others.

Agreyd that Maister White, one of the Kings Commyssioners for York shall have in reward for his paynes takyn for makyn a coppy of the chauntre lands of this said Citie v^{li}.

fo. 36.

6 November 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, and 14 others.

Assemblyd to take an order with Maister Robert Constable, squyer, as concernyng the furnytour of xxv fotemen for the Citie and Aynstie to serve the King at Dunglasse.

fo. 36b. **Fifty men to be trained to shoot with a harquebus.**

To our trustie and webelovyd the Maier of our Citie of Yorke, Robert Constable, squyer, John Northe, Robert Hall, William Watson and Thomas Goodyere or to two of them so as the said Robert Constable be one.

By the King.

Trustie and welbelovyd we grete you well; and for asmoche as we have at this present discharged oure enemye from ower forte of Dunglasse and that there is lakk of hagquebutters for the sauf kepyng of the same and knowing your good wysdome, experyence and good coriage in the setting forwards of our affayers have

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thought good to requyere you that immediatelie uppon the recepte of thes our lettres ye do take oute of our Citie of Yorke and within the liberties of the same the nombre of fiftie hable persons and suche as be unmaried and willing to lerne to shute in a hagbutte so as the same may be redie to sett forwardes under the conduccon of Robert Constable esquyer whome we have appoyntyd to the leading of the same and be at our towne of Newcastell uppon Tyne the fifte day of Novembre next commyng.

Bisshopthorpe xxvij Octobre 2 Edward VI.

fo. 38. **Instructions to M.Ps.**

Instruccons devysed by my Lorde Mayer and his Brethren for the two Citizens and Burgesses of the Citie of Yorke concernyng the mayntenaunce of the auncyent liberties of the said Citie for a common well of the same.

Furste to laboure that the Mayer and Shirryffs of the said Citie may be sufferyd to have cognysaunce of all accons of trespacs done within the said Citie and suburbes of the same according to the tenour of the Kings majestie chartres nowe beyng above at London wher as Maister Holme dyd leif them so that no accons hereafter shalbe removed contrary the said chartres and graunts for asmuche as the said Citie haith dyverse and many allowaunces of cognysaunce of plea in all the Kings graces Courte and also within the Kings vierge.[1]

Item to remembre to mayntene the auncyent right that the Commonaltie of the said Citie haith in the Graunge field frome Mighelmesse unto our Lady day the Annuncyacon yerelie and knowe what Maister Henry Wedderall and Maister White haith done therin sence that they came upp to this terme.

Item to delyver the lettre from my Lord Mayer of Yorke and his Brethren and to declare the credence commyttyd therein to the said Maister Holme for the mayntenaunce of the auncyent liberties of the said Citie as also to put Maister Stanhope in remembrance that frome hensfurth the Lorde President in the Northe parties may dyrecte the Kings grace is Commyssions onelie to the said Mayer and his Brethren in all thyngs concernyng the Kyngs affayres within the Countie of the said Citie as was ever accustomyd and used before the establishment of the Courte of requeste in the North parties.

(*fo.* 38b) Item to take acquyttance of the said Sir Mighell Stanhope appon payment of his half yere fee of vj^{li} whiche is dewe to his maistership at Cristynmes next to come; and to declare unto hym that there was cc men at the eatyng of the two bukks that he gave to my Lord Maier and his Brethren.

[1] The King's vierge; an area subject to the jurisdiction of the Lord High Steward defined as extending to a distance of 12 miles round the King's Court.

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Item to showe to his said Maistership that the tolle of dyverse Citizens of York, whiche his officers clamyth, doth not amounte above iij^{s} at Lent fayer last.

Item a bill of compleynt to be devysed by thadvice of substancyall, lernyd Counsell to the Lorde Chancellour of England that all noysauncs of fishegars within the water of Owse, Darrwent, Ayer, Done and other ryvers may be reformyd, for the mooste parte of them that maks the said noysauncs ar but power men and the Sheryffs of York have in ther peticons within the Kings majestie Courte of Exchequyer haith at this day allowance of suche fynes as is extreatyd of them by the Lord Cheif Barron and other Barrons of the said Exchequyer by reason of ther povertie to the great noysaunce and damage of the said Citie.

Item to knowe secretlie of Maister Tebold beyng one of the Attourneys in the said Courte of Exchequyer, whether that they of Kyngeston uppon Hull have any leese by wryting furth of the said Exchequyer for gawgyng of wynes, yea or nay, and what they pay therefore yerelie to the Kings use.

ADDENDUM.

Exemplification of the Charter of Henry II, 27 Jan. 21 Henry VIII. (1529-30).

EXEMPLIFICATION.[1]

Henricus etc.....THE seid Citizens by vertue of the forseid graunte and also withoute tyme of mynde of man to the contrary hath used and yet usyth at their plesures to make emongyst theym selfs such statuts, acts and ordynauncs of every craft and occupacyon within the sayd Citie as they thynke goode, benifycyall and most profytable for the increasse of the said Citizens and also for the mayntaynyng and upholdyng of the foresayd Citye THE whych statuts, acts an ordynauncs hath ben mayde in tymes past and yet ys to be made after thys manner folowyng, that ys to saye—all Citizens beyng of one mysteri and craft as goldsmythes, drapers, fyshemongers, skynners, tanners, irenmongers, walkers, weyvers, glovers, *et sic de similibus* doth assemble theyr selfs in peasable, sober and quiet manner together every one of the aboveseid occupacons and all other crafts within the seid Citie and theruppon doth mete together in a convenyent place within the same Citie in the tyme apoynted by theym selffs and lovyngly doth entre communicacon and counsaill together of such thyngs as they thynke best to be usyd within theyr occupacon bothe to the laude and prayse of God and profett for theym selffs and also the helpyng forward of yong men tyme to cum; and sum one of the seid occupacons agreyth first that they wyll have an obytt and a masse of *requiem* to be said or songe within one of the Frears of the said Citye and all men of the occupacon to be and to offer at the saide masse uppon payne of hym that make defaut to leese and forfett vjd, the one halfe therof to be payed to the Chamber of Yorke to the use of all the chargs of all the hole comynaltye of the same Citye and the other moyite therof to be imployed towards the chargs of the seid occupacon; and sum other occupacon agreyth lykewyse to fynd a lyght before a saynt. ITEM every occupacon within the

[1] This interesting document found among the muniments of the Corporation of Beverley by Mr. J. Dennett, the Town Clerk, has through the courtesy of the Beverley Town Council been presented to the City of York. It is not known how it came to be at Beverley. It is endorsed "The coppy of York Chamber." The Mayoral seal is still attached though in a mutilated condition and of interest is the pin in the seal attachment which dates from the time the document was drawn up. We are deeply indebted to Mr. Dennett for his kind offices in the matter. The document is headed by an incorrect copy of Henry II's charter to York, for the correct text of which, from the original in the Guildhall, see Farrer—*Early Yorkshire Charters*, vol. I, p. 172.

seid Citye agreyth and ordaynyth that no man of craft nor scyens shall sett upp and worke within the said Citye affore that he be francheysed and made a freman therof by the Mayor and hys Chamberlaynes for the tyme beyng, paying therfore to the seid Chamber a sertayn some of money to the use of the seid comminaltye and anon after that he ys so franchesyd then he shalbe searsed forther by the sersors of his own craft and occupacon to thentent that yt shalbe knowen perfytly wheyther that he canne hys occupacon or not and be able to occupy the same as a mayster. ITEM the sayd occupacons agreyth that non of thaym shall take a prentes for lesser tyme than vij yere uppon a certayne payne to be levyed and payed egally to the use of the said Chamber and that occupacon that doth offend as ys abovesaid. ITEM every occupacon usyth to make an acte to have sertayn rulers and governers within theyr occupacon and therapon doth elect and chuisse other of or two the whych be named and called sersors and such sersors usyth to stande and be in that rowme for one hole yere and after that the yere be endyd then thay and theyr compeny use to elect and chuisse other of newe in theyr roume and place and the same occupacon maks in theyr ordynaunes that whych of thaym as ys dysobedyent unto the seid sersors for the tyme beyng in all laufull and honest precepts concernyng the same occupacon egally forfett sex shylyngs eyght pens or other such lyke paynes and yt to be payed as ys aboveseid; and when as men of the said occupacons be agreed amongs thaym selfs as ys beforeseid theruppon one occupacon after an order usyd to cum personally affore the Mayor of the seid Citye, hys brederyn Aldermen of the same, Shyreffs and xxiij counsellours, the whych ar thos that hath ben Shyreffs of the sayd Citie, in the Counsaill Chamber of the said Citye and present the articles of theyr agrements unto the said Mayor and other above namyd makyng petycyon to conferme thayme, the whych articles and agrements ar by goode deliberacon reasonyd by the said Mayor and his Brederyn and yf yt be thought by the said Mayor and his Brederyn that the seid articles and agrements ar goode and profytable for thayr occupacons and the comynaltye of the said Citye then the Mayor and his Brederyn, Shereffs with the sayd Counsaill of xxiiij by the concent of the said occupacon doth establysshe the forsaid articles and agrements to be frome hensforth acts, statuts and ordinaunes made and establysshed as ys abovesaid ar entred of record in the comon regystre of the said Citie wherof the men of the seid occupacons have a copye the whych ys called theyr ordynaunce at thys daye and the whych acts, statuts and ordynaunes by custome of the sayd Citie usyth in that behalfe withoute tyme of mynde may not be adnulled ne brokyn nor altered in no wyse except that be by lyke auctoryte as they were made at the first tyme. ITEM the names of the said seyrsors ar entred in a lyttyll scrolle and roull the whych ys called the sersors roull; and therby thay be called by thayr

names every occupacon severally before the said Mayor and his Brederyn at the tymes accustomyd of theyr assembles and metyngs to present by thayr othes what defawts, trespacs or dysobedyencs hath ben comyttyd and don within theyr said occupacons to thyntent at the trespasors and offendars therin may be punyshed accordyng to the said acts and statuts, ordynauncs made in that behalfe as ys aforsaid; and yf the said sersors knowyng of any such defawts and forfetts and for mede or favour doth consaill thaym then the said sersors shall paye for such consailement the payn contayned in the said ordynaunce doble of thayr owne money and ferther to be punysshed for theyr perjury by the dyscrecyon of the said Maior and hys Brederyn and other above-named to the example. ITEM the Mayor of the said Citie for the tyme being hath ben clerke of the Kyngs markett within the said Citye by the vertue of thayr foresaid graunt and also withoute tyme of mynd of the man to the contrary hath used the said offyce of the clarkshypp of the markett in the Kyngs absens and now in hys presens by poynt of chartour for the orderyng of all weyghts and mesures accordyng to the Kyngs standord of the exchequer remaynyng within the said Citie in theyr Comon Chamber and by the said standords to mesure and to make weights and mesures as busshells half busshells, pecks, elnes, yerds and all other lyke weights and mesures accordyngly and afterwards to seall theym with a certayn seall therfore provyded; and who so offendyth hys office, commandement and laufull precepts at any tyme therin then hys auctorite ys to correct and ponysh all such offendars after the quantyte of theyr trespacs and offencs as the statute therof doth appere; and also the said clerke hath the assysyng both of brede and ale and hath moreover full power and auctorite to sett prycs of the same and also to sett prises of all maner graynes and vitayll and fewell that cometh to the same Citie to be sold eyther by water or be lond and who so dysobayeth or offendyth therin then hys auctorite extendyth to correct and punysh all such offendars after the quantyte of theyr trespacs and offencs in any wyse by theym commytted and don contrary such goode order and dyreccon as yt shall happen the said clarke of the markett for the tyme beyng by his discrecon to take and make for the common weall. AND moreover it hath ben usyd within the said Citie and suburbes of the same withoute tyme of mynde and yet ys usyd that all fines and amercyments commyng and growyng by vertue of the said office of the clerkshypp of markett shalbe levyed and payed to thuse of the Comynaltye of the said Citye and uppon denyour and also for nonpayment therof then to levy the said fynes and amersyments by distresse or ells to commytt theym that have offendyd therin to ward untyll such tyme as they have payed yt as the said clarke shall by hys discrecon commaunde. ITEM the said Mayor and Citizens hath by pointe of chartour and by auncient custome usyd without tyme of mynd to the contrary

hath had and yett hath all such goodds and marchandises as be forrayn bought and forrayn sold within the said Citie and subarbes of the same Citie at any tyme, that ys to saye, that yf a straunge marchaunte bargayne and sell any goods or marchaundycs to any other straunge marchaunt or other straunger within the said Citie and subarbys that so provyded by the Maior or any other of the said Citizens therappon the said Mayor for the tyme beyng hath auctoryte by the said graunt to take all such goods and marchaundies to the use of the said Cominalty wherfore the taker therof shall have the moyite of the said goods and marchaundics so forfett to hys oune use for hys labour. ITEM the said Maior and hys brederyn Aldermen of the said Citye for the tyme beyng have full power and auctoryte by the Kyngs graunte to enquire of all maner suspect persons and vacabunds, and also of all such aprentyses and servaunts as departs frome the serves of theyr maysters without licens within their terme and of all thosse that accustomably haw(n)tys and usyth common tavarnes, alehowses or any suspect places and their usyth to playe at unlawfull games as cards, dyce, closhe,[1] tennys and bowles the whyche prohibyt and forbedde by dyverse and many acts and statuts provided in that behalfe and to punysh and correc(t) the transgressours and offendours to the same acts and statuts uppon such trespacs and offencs so founden by enquery afterward to make due processe of the lawe accordyng to the said statuts and so affere and sesse their fynes and amerciments after the quantite of theyr trespacs by the discrecyon of the same justics and to levy the same fynes to the common weall of the said Citie. ITEM the said Maior and Aldermen ar the Kyngs justics of peasse within the said Citie, subarbes and libertyes of the same withoute tyme of mynd hath hadde and yet hath by point of charture full power and auctoryte to enquere of all treysoure hydde and castyn within the grounde or above and of all maner ryotts, rowts, unlaufull assembles and of treason, felonyes and all such persons as be unlawfully retaygned and of all thes that doth unlaufully retayn theym against the forme of dyverse acts, statuts in that behalfe hadde and provided and also of all other trespacs and offencs in anywyse comytted and done by any person or persons against the peasse of our sovereygn lord the Kyng within the seid Citye, suburbys and libertyes of the same ITEM the said justics have lyke power and auctorite by vertue of theyr said graunts to enquer of all regrators and forstallers within the said Citie, suburbes and libertyes of the same and of such as be founden culpable and gyltye therin by verdect as ys abovesaid, THERAPON they use to make proses against all transgressors sessyon to sessyon as to their offyce of justics of peasse yt doth belong and appertayn untyll such tyme as such transgressors personally appere before thaym in open sessyons and theruppon putts theymselfs *in misericordia Domini Regis* for theyr trespacs and

[1] Closhe; a game which consisted of driving a ball through a hoop or ring.

offencs—EXCEPT alway such persons as be endyted or presented wherapon they wyll tender and travers the seid inditement or presentament accordyng to the Kyngs lawes usyd in that behalfe AND so the said justics and theyr predecessors hath usyd withoute tyme of mynd to affere and sesse the fynes and amersyaments by theyr wysdom and dyscrecyon of all such transgressours and offendars in forme afforesaid and after that such transgressours have founde sufficyent suertyes and plegs for the payment of the said fynes and amerciaments and after that don the said justycs hath used and yet usyth to make streyts therof and so to delyver the said streyts to the Common Sergeaunts of the said Citie for to levy and gather to the use of the Common Chamber of the said Citye WHEREOF the Shyreffs of the same Citie for the tyme being by sufferaunce of the said Maior and Citizens and of theyr predycessours hath hadde tymes past withoute tyme of mynde to the contrary and yet have at thys daye all the advauntagyes, perquisyts and profetts commyng and growyng of all affrayes and blodewyts against the Kyngs peasse within the said Citie, suburbys and lybertyes of the same and also all wayffs and strayes happenyng within the Countye of the said Citye and the moyite of all fellons goods chawnsyng and fallyng within the said Countye at any tyme TOWARDS the chargs of the said Shereffs for the tyme beyng and also for the payment of the Kyngs fee farme of the said Citye. ITEM the Maior and Citizens of the said Citie and theyr predycessors without tyme of mynd of man an also by point of chartour have hadde in tymes past and yet hath at thys daye to thuse of all the hole Commynalty of the said Citie, *bona felonium, fugitivorum, dampnatorum, utlagotorum* et *deo dand, de se* happenyng and fallyng within the Shyer of the said Citie of Yorke. IN WYTNES wherof and for the more perfyte knowleg of the said libertyes, usags and accustomes affor rehersed and especyfed to have ben usyd and as yet ys usyd in this present daye within the said Citie, suburbys and libertyes of the same theruppon the ryght worshopfull Robert Whytfeld now beyng Mayer of the said Citie assemblyd hys brederyn Aldermen, Sheryffs and xxiiij Counsellars in the Counsaill Chamber of Usebryge of the said Citie the xxvij day of January the xxi yere of the reygn of our soverain lord Kyng Henry the viijth and by goode deliberacon rede and examyned the contents of thys booke and then and theyr they all agreed and condiscendyd that yt doth ryght well accord and agree in every thyng as well with the marchaunt guyld and hans of the marchaunts of the sayd Citie as the libertyes, lawes, usags and customes of the said Citie AND to thintent that more fayth and credence shalbe gevyn herunto at all tymes hereafter the said Maior by the advyce of the said Counsellours to thys booke of presydents of all and singuler the premisses hath putto hys seall of offyce of the mairaltye of the said Citie the day and yere above wrytten.

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